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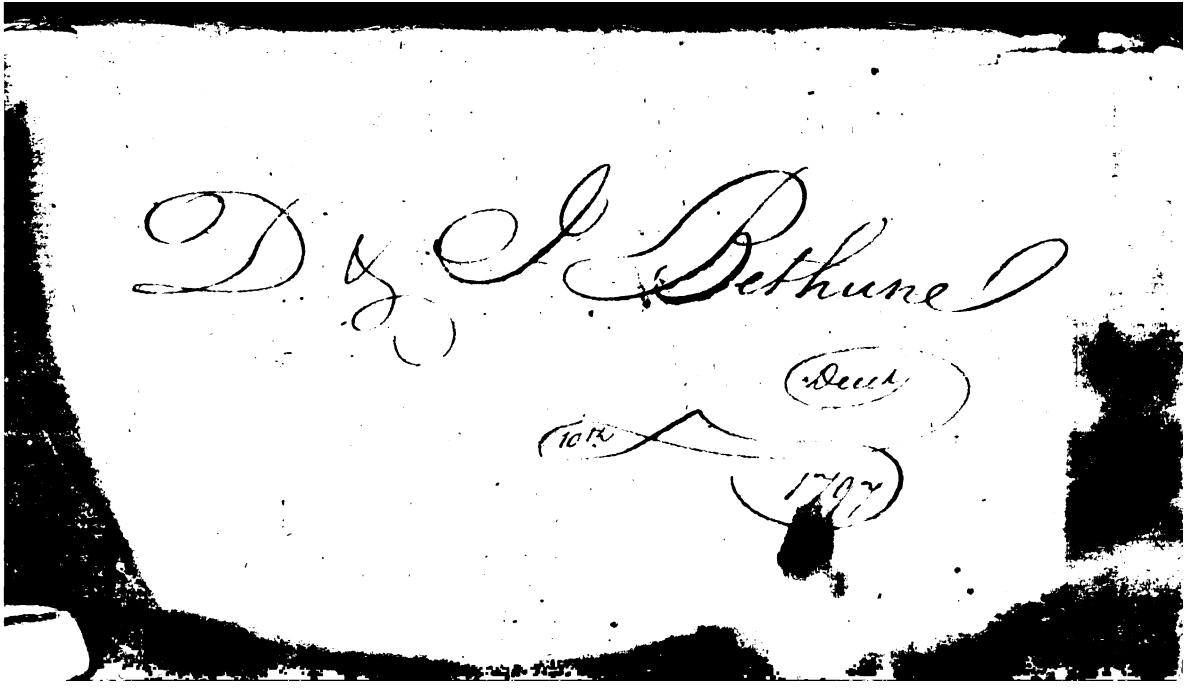

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——*I will Sing with the* Spirit, *and I will Sing with the* Understanding *alſo*, 1 Cor. xiv. 15.

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PREFACE.

NO part of the Chriſtian Worſhip is more plainly warranted by the Oracles of God, than the Ordinance of *Singing of Pſalms*. The ancient Hebrews practiſed it, at the Red Sea, before their ſyſtem of ceremonial worſhip was preſcribed them by God, Exod. xv. It was preferred to the moſt pompous ſacrifices, even while the ceremonial obſervances remained in their vigour, Pſalm lxix. 30, 31. The divine obligation to it, remained in full force, when the ceremonial law, with all its rites, was aboliſhed, Pſalms xlvii. 1. 5, 6, 7. lxvii. 4. c. 1. 4. Eph. v. 19. with ii. 14, 15. Col. iii. 16. with ii. 16, 17. James v. 13. We have it enforced with the moſt engaging example *of the Angels* who kept their firſt eſtate, Job xxxviii. 6, 7. Luke ii. 13, 14. Rev. v. 11, 12. Of Apoſtles and Saints, Acts xvi. 25. 1 Cor. xiv. 15. Exod. xv. Judg. v. Luke i. 1 Sam. ii. Iſa. xxxv. 10. Jer. xxxi. 12. Rev. iv. 8, 9. and v. 9, 10. vii. 10. 12. xiv. 3. xv. 3. xix. 1,—7. Nay, of our Redeemer himſelf, Matth. xxvi. 30. This Exerciſe, performed in a manner ſuited to the dignity of the glorified ſtate, will be the everlaſting employ of eſtabliſhed angels and ranſomed men, Iſa. xxvi. 19. li. 11. Rev. v. 9,—13.

Nor is this exerciſe of inconſiderable uſefulneſs. The whole glories of JEHOVAH, as made known to creatures, and all the wonders of his creating power, his redeeming love, and providential care, belonging to its extenſive theme, it is an excellent means of conveying holy inſtructions, Col. iii. 16. of inſpiring heavenly affections, Pſalm. lvii. 7, 8. of recreating holy ſouls, James v. 13. and, in fine, of bearing up and comforting amidſt grief and trouble, Acts xvi. 25. Pſalm cxix. 54.; and hence it is ſeaſonable, not only in this valley of tears, but even in the moſt diſtreſsful condition, Pſalm ci. 1. Hab. iii. 17, 18.

It is a duty, which ought to be practiſed by every perſon *in ſecret* by himſelf, James v. 13. Pſalm cxix. 62. 164.—By every Chriſtian *family* and *ſociety*, Pſalm cxviii. 15. Acts xvi. 25.—And in every *public* worſhippin

assembly and congregation, Isa. xxxv. 1, 2. 6. 10. and lii. 7, 8, 9. and liv. 1. Eph. v. 19. Col. iii. 16. Ma xxvi. 30. 1 Cor. xiv. 26. Rev. v. 9, 10. xiv. 3. xv. 3.

This duty being of so much importance, we ought t perform it, Under the special influence of the Holy Ghos 1 Cor. xiv. 15. John iv. 24.—With understanding the warrantableness, matter, manner, and end of ou praise, Psalm xlvii. 6, 7. 1 Cor. xiv. 15.—With an hol ardour of affection and vigour of mind, Psalm lvii. 7 and ciii. 1, 2.—With grace in our heart, making melod therein, to the Lord, Eph. v. 19. Col. iii. 16.—In th name of Christ as Mediator between God and us, Co iii. 16, 17. 1 Pet. ii. 5.—and, With an earnest aim glorify God, Col. iii. 16. 1 Peter iv. 11. 1 Cor. x. 3 The *matter* ought to be prudently suited to our occasio and conditions, Psalm cxii. 5. Eph. v. 15. Nor oug the *melody*, or, in social worship, the *harmony*, of voic to be overlooked, Psalm cl.

No doubt, one may compose spiritual hymns for l own and others religious recreation: But, to admit Form of human composure into the stated and public wors of God, appears to me very improper. (1) It is e tremely dangerous. Heresies and errors, by this mea may, and often have been very insensibly introduced in churches, congregations, or families. (2) There is n need of it. The Holy Ghost hath in the Psalms of Davi and other Scriptural songs, furnished us with such a ri collection of gospel doctrines and precious promises; an extensive fund of solid experiences;—an exhaustle mine of Gospel-Grace and Truth;—an endless varie to suit every state or condition, in which, either our ow soul, or the Church of Christ, can be, upon earth These were framed by him, who searcheth the heart and knows the deep things of God; and hence must b better adapted to the case of souls or societies, tha any private composition whatever. (3) Though th Holy Ghost never saw meet to leave us a Liturgy o prayers; yet, from the poetical composition thereof, it plain, he intended these Psalms and Songs for a *standin form* of Praise in the Church. It is certain, they wer used in this manner under the Old Testament. Th

Holy Ghoſt hath under the New plainly directed us to the uſe hereof, Col. iii. 16. Eph. v. 19. The PSALMS, HYMNS, and ſpiritual SONGS, there recommended, are plainly the ſame with the MIZMORIM, TEHILLIM and SHIRIM, mentioned in the Hebrew titles of David's Pſalms, iii. iv. v, &c. cxly, cxx,—cxxxiv.

It hath been pretended, the language and manner of theſe Pſalms are not ſuited to the ſpiritual nature of our Goſpel-Worſhip. That, however, may as well be urged againſt the reading of them, as againſt the ſinging of them: Nay, againſt the reading of a great part of the Old Teſtament in our Chriſtian-Worſhip. It is certain, many paſſages in the Book of Pſalms, or of other Scripture-Songs, are expreſſive of the exerciſes of faith, repentance, love, or the like graces, which ſtill remain of the *ſame form*, as under the Old Teſtament. The predictions are either accompliſhed, and ſo may be ſung to the honour of God's mercy and faithfulneſs; or, if not accompliſhed, may be ſung in the hopes, that God will accompliſh them in his time. The hiſtory, of what God did for his Jewiſh Servants and Church, may be ſung with admiration of his love, wiſdom, power and grace therein manifeſted. It is further to be conſidered, that much of what related to David, or the Jewiſh Church, was typical of the Character and Concerns of Jeſus Chriſt and the Goſpel-Church; and ſo ought to be ſung with a ſpecial application thereto.

As for theſe Pſalms, which contain DENUNCIATIONS of Divine vengeance upon the enemies of God and his Church, we are to conſider, that theſe expreſſions were dictated by the infallible Spirit of God;—that the objects of them were foreſeen to be irreconcileable enemies of Chriſt and his Church; that thoſe who ſing them, only applaud the equity of the doom, which God hath juſtly pronounced upon ſuch offenders; and that they are to be ſung with a full perſuaſion of the event, as a certain, awful and juſt diſplay of the glory and tremendous juſtice of JEHOVAH. Though we ought, therefore, never to apply them to particular parties or perſons who have injured us; yet to decline uſing them, out of a pretence of charity, is to ſuppoſe ourſelves wiſer than Him, whoſe under-

ſtanding is infinite, and more merciful than the Father o mercies, who is full of compaſſion, and delighteth in mercy Moreover, as theſe external enemies, devoted to deſtruc tion, were in ſome ſenſe emblematic of our ſpiritual ene mies, within or without us, the paſſages may be ſung wit application to ourſelves, as directed againſt theſe *principa lities*, and *powers*, and *ſpiritual wickedneſſes*, in high place with whom we have to wreſtle, while on earth, Eph. v 10,—19. 1 Pet. v. 8, 9. Rom. viii. 13. Gal. v. 17, 24.

The book of Pſalms is one of the moſt extenſive an uſeful in holy Scripture, as it is every where ſuited to th caſe of the Saints. It is at firſt much mixed with com plaints and ſupplications, and at laſt iſſues in pure and laſ ing praiſe. That Heman compoſed Pſalm lxxxviii. Etha lxxxix. and Moſes xc, is certain. Whether theſe unde the name of Aſaph were moſtly penned by him, or onl aſſigned to be ſung by him as a maſter of the Temple Muſick, as others were to Jeduthun, or to the ſons o Korah, or other chief Muſicians, we cannot determine Some, as Pſalm lxxiv. lxxix. cxxvi. and cxxxvii. appear t have been compoſed after the begun Captivity to Babylon but by whom we know not. The reſt, including theſ two marked with the name of Solomon, might be com poſed by David the ſweet Pſalmiſt of Iſrael *.

Twenty-five of the Pſalms have no title at all; and whe ther the titles of the reſt are of Divine authority is not alto gether agreed. But when it is conſidered that theſe title

* That the Hebrew originals are compoſed in a metrical form, hath been almoſt univerſally agreed. But the laws and meaſures of the Poetry have not yet been clearly aſcertained. It is not even reaſonable to inſiſt, they ſhould correſpond with theſe of the Greeks or Romans, and other nations of the Weſt, whoſe idioms and manner of language are ſo remarkably different.—— It is certain, they as little agree with thoſe of the dull and inſipid rhymes compoſed by the Jewiſh Rabbins. Some of the Pſalms, no doubt, for the more eaſy retention thereof in the memory, are compoſed of verſes or ſentences beginning according to the order of the Hebrew alphabet. In this order every ſentence of the 111th and 112th Pſalms, begins with a new tter. Almoſt every verſe of the 25th, 34th, and 145th, begins the ſame order. But in the 119th, every eight verſes begin ith the ſame Hebrew letter in the like alphabetical order.

every where appear in the Hebrew originals, and how often they ſerve as a key to the pſalm, and are ſometimes conected therewith by the accentuating points, there is no real ground to ſuſpect the authenticity thereof. Nor are interpreters agreed with reſpect to the ſignification of ſome of the Hebrew words ſtanding in theſe titles. We think that MASCHIL always ſignifies that the pſalm is deſigned for *inſtruction*, Pſalms xxxii. xlii. xliii. xlv. lii. liii. liv. lv. lxxiv. lxxviii. lxxxviii. lxxxix. MICHTAM denotes the *precious* or *golden* nature of the pſalm, as xvi. lvi.—lx. ALTASCHITH, that the ſcope of the pſalm is to deprecate *deſtruction*, lvii.—lix. MUTHLABBEN, that the pſalm was compoſed on the occaſion of the *death of his ſon*, or of Goliath the *duelliſt*, Pſalm ix. AIJELETH SHAHAR, that its ſubject is Jeſus Chriſt, the *Hind of the morning*, Pſalm xxii. JONATH-ELEM-RECHOKIM, that David is therein repreſented as a *mute dove among foreigners*, Pſalm lvi. SHOSHANNIM; SHOSHANNIM-EDUTH; or SHUSHAN-EDUTH; may either ſignify, that Chriſt and his people, who are *lilies*, or *lilies of the congregation or teſtimony*, are the ſubject of it; or that it was ſung on an inſtrument of ſix ſtrings, Pſalm xlv. lx. lxix. lxxx. as SHEMINITH denotes an inſtrument of eight ſtrings; Pſal. vi. xii. MAHALATH may either ſignify the *diſeaſe*, and MAHALATH LEANOTH the *afflicting diſeaſe*, or MAHALATH may ſignify a wind-inſtrument of muſick, Pſalm liii. lxxxviii. NEGINATH and NEGINOTH denote ſtringed inſtruments of muſick, Pſalms iv. lxi. &c. NEHILOTH wind-ones, Pſalm v. GITTITH, a muſical inſtrument or tune invented at Gath, Pſalms viii. lxxxi. lxxxiv. ALAMOTH the *virginals*, or a ſong to be ſung by the *virgins*, Pſalm xlvi. SHIGGAION, or SHIGIONOTH, may denote the *diverſified* matter or tune of the pſalm, Pſalm vii.. The cxxth, and fourteen next following, are called SONGS of DEGREES, perhaps becauſe they were ſung on the different ſteps of the Temple-ſtairs; or were ſung at certain halts made by David and the Iſraelites, when they brought up the Ark of God from Kirjath-jearim to Jeruſalem; or were ſung by the Hebrews at their different reſts, when they came up from the country to their three ſolemn feaſts; or were partly ſung by the Jews at their different halts, in their return from Babylon.

The Hebrews divided this book into FIVE, ending with Pſa xli. lxxii. lxxxix. cvi. and cl. the firſt four of which are cc cluded with AMEN. Interpreters have attempted to arrang claſs the Pſalms into a variety of different forms: To me it pears, not improper, to diſtinguiſh them into, I. INSTRUCTIV which are either (1) HISTORICAL, relating what God had do for the Pſalmiſt, or for the Jewiſh nation, &c. as Pſalms xvi lxviii. lxxviii. civ. cv. cvi. cxiv. cxxxv. cxxxvi. Moſt of whi are alſo EUCHARISTIC. Or (2) DOCTRINAL, declaring a explaining the principles and duties of religion, as Pſalms i. xi xv. xix. xxxvi. xxxvii. xlix. l. liii. lxiv. lxxvi. lxxvii lxxxi. lxxxii. xc. ci. cxii. cxix. cxxvii. cxxxi. cxxxiii. cxxxi H. PROPHETIC, foretelling events relative to Chriſt or h Church, as Pſalms ii. viii. xvi. xxi. xxii. xxiv. xxix. xl. xl xlvii. xlviii. lxvii. lxviii. lxix. lxxii. lxxxvii. lxxxix xciii. xc xcvi. xcvii. xcviii. c. cx. cxvii cxxxii. cxlix. not a few of whic are alſo EUCHARISTIC. III. CONSOLATORY, in which th Pſalmiſt comforts himſelf and others in the promiſes, perfection or works of God, as Pſalms iv. xi. xxiii. xxvii. xxxi. xxxvi xlvi. lviii. lxxiii. xci. cxxi. cxxv. cxxviii. cxxix. IV. PETI TORY, in which he bewails his own, or the Church's condition and ſupplicates deliverance, as Pſalms iii. v. vi. vii. x. xii. xi xvii. xx. xxv. xxvi. xxvii. xxviii. xxxv. xxxvii. xli. xlii. xlii xliv. li. liv. lv. lvii. lix. lx. lxi. lxiii. lxiv. lxx. lxxi. lxxiv. lxxix lxxx. lxxxii. lxxxv. lxxxvi. lxxxviii. cii cix. cxx. cxxiii. cxxx cxxxii cxxxvii. cxl cxli cxliii cxliii. Seven of theſe, in whic the Pſalmiſt makes confeſſion of his ſin, viz. Pſalms vi. xxxii xxxviii. li cii cxxx. cxliii. are called PENITENTIAL.— V. EUCHARISTIC, in which he ſtirs up himſelf and others t praiſe and thank the Lord, for his favours. As Pſalms ix. xviii xxx. xxxiii. xxxv. lx. lxv.,——lxviii. xcix. ciii. civ. cv. cvi. cvii. cviii. cxi. cxiii. cxv. cxvi cxvii. cxviii. cxxii cxxiv. cxxvi cxxxiv. cxxxv. cxxxvi. cxxxviii cxliv. cxlv. cxlvi cxlvii. cxlviii. cxlix. cl. But indeed hiſtorical narratives, doctrinal inſtructions, propheſies, conſolations, ſupplications, praiſes, and thankſgivings are often ſo pleaſantly and profitably connected, in the ſame pſalm, that it is difficult to aſſign it to one claſs, rather than to another. And, what is HISTORICAL, as it relates to David and the Jewiſh Church, is often TYPICAL, and ſo PROPHETIC as it relates to Jeſus Chriſt and the Goſpel-Church or heavenly ſtate: Many too, of the SUPPLICATION reſpecting deliverances from, or the deſtruction of enemies, are to be conſidered as real PREDICTIONS of the events; they being dictated by the inſpiration of Him who can declare the end from the beginning.

PSALMS OF DAVID,

IN METRE.

PSALM I.

Perhaps this Psalm was added by Ezra, or whoever else was the collector of the others into one book. We have represented to us in it, (1) The character of the godly; how holy they are, abstaining from every temptation to, or appearance of evil; and with pleasure meditating on, and endeavouring to fulfil, the whole law of God, ver. 1, 2. and how happy, planted in the nearest fellowship with Jesus, the River of life, they prosper in their lawful attempts: They never fall from their grace or profession; and they shall stand with approbation at the judgment-seat of God, ver 3. (2) The sinfulness and misery of the wicked: How different from, and contrary to the godly, in their inclination, companions, exercises and ends! How light and unsubstantial, as chaff, and ready to be hurled, by the storms of infinite wrath, into the depths of hell, as cast and condemned in the righteous judgment of God! ver. 4, 5. (3) The great reason of the happiness of saints, and of the misery of sinners. The Lord loveth the righteous, and observes and approves their inclinations and behaviour; but, as an enemy, he brings destructive vengeance upon the wicked, ver 6. —— ¶ While I sing these important lines, let my soul lift up her eyes to that great pattern of perfection, JESUS, the man of God's right hand, who was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners; and who fulfilled all righteousness, magnified the law, and made it honourable for men.—for ME. United to his person, cloathed with his righteousness, and all inflammed and animated with his redeeming love, shed abroad in my heart, let me examine myself as in his sight; let me walk in him as my way, and follow him as my Pattern and Guide: Let me, with solemn awe, look to, and prepare for his last, his eternal judgment!

THAT man hath perfect blessedness,
who walketh not astray
In counsel of ungodly men,
nor stands in sinner's way;
Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair:
2 But placeth his delight
Upon God's law, and meditates
on his law day and night.

3 He ſhall be like a tree that grows
near planted by a river,
Which in his ſeaſon yields his fruit,
and his leaf fadeth never:
And all he doth ſhall proſper well.
4 The wicked are not ſo:
But like they are unto the chaff
which wind drives to and fro.

5 In judgment therefore ſhall not ſtand
ſuch as ungodly are;
Nor in th' aſſembly of the juſt
ſhall wicked men appear.
6 For why? the way of godly men
unto the Lord is known:
Whereas the way of wicked men
ſhall quite be overthrown.

PSALM II.

Perhaps this pſalm relates partly to David's inſtalment on his throne and the victories over his enemies which attended it. Compare Pſalm xviii. 2 Sam. iii. v. viii x. xviii xx. But the whole of it reſpects Jeſus our Redeemer. Behold (1.) The violent and harmonious, but unſucceſsful, oppoſition, which Jews and Gentiles of all ranks make to the perſon and redemption-work of the great God my Saviour. — Behold what ruin and wo, they draw upon themſelves by their attempts! ver. 1,—5. 9. (2.) Behold how, notwithſtanding all their raging malice and furious oppoſition, JEHOVAH inſtals our Redeemer King in his Church, and infallibly fixeth him on his throne; avows him his only begotten Son, and gives unto him the Gentiles for his people! ver. 6,—8. (3.) Behold Jehovah's demand of ſerious conſideration and fear of, joy in, and truſt, obedience and love to his exalted Son, ver. 9,—12. ——¶ While I ſing, let me remark the horrid nature of ſin; let me, with broken heart, bewail my neglect of, and oppoſition to Jeſus Chriſt. Let me, with wonder, bleſs his name, that I have not already periſhed in mine iniquity. Let me, with earneſtneſs, accept that once debaſed Redeemer, as my Saviour, my Sovereign, my Proprietor, my GOD, and my ALL. Let me learn to know him, rejoice in him, and, with holy awe, commit my whole ſalvation, and the ſalvation of my country, nay, of all the ends of the earth, to him.

WHY rage the heathen? and vain things
why do the people mind?
2 Kings of the earth do ſet themſelves,
and princes are combin'd,
To plot againſt the Lord, and his
Anointed, ſaying thus,
3 Let us aſunder break their bands,
and caſt their cords from us.

4 He that in heaven ſits, ſhall laugh:
the Lord ſhall ſcorn them all.
5 Then ſhall he ſpeak to them in wrath,
in rage he vex them ſhall.
6 Yet, notwithſtanding I have him
to be my King appointed:
And over Sion, my holy hill,
I have him King anointed.

7 The ſure decree I will declare:
the Lord hath ſaid to me,
Thou art mine only Son, this day
I have begotten thee.
8 Aſk of me, and for heritage
the heathen I'll make thine:
And for poſſeſſion I to thee
will give earth's utmoſt line.

9 Thou ſhalt, as with a weighty rod
of iron, break them all:
And as a potter's ſherd, thou ſhalt
them daſh in pieces ſmall.
10 Now therefore, kings, be wiſe; be taught
ye judges of the earth.
11 Serve God in fear, and ſee that ye
join trembling with your mirth.

12 Kiſs ye the Son, leſt in his ire
ye periſh from the way,
If once his wrath begin to burn;
bleſs'd all that on him ſtay.

A Pſalm of David, *when he fled from* Abſalom *his ſon.*

Having beheld the royal dignity of my Redeemer, let me here behold the joy, the peace, the ſafety of the redeemed amidſt their diſtreſſes innumerable. Here David, driven from his holy capital and high throne, by his rebellious ſon Abſalom, (1.) Complains to his God of the number and malice of his enemies, ver. 1, 2. (2.) He encourageth himſelf in his God, as the ſource and ſubject-matter of his ſafety, joy, and honour, ver 3. (3) He recollects how, on former occaſions, his troubles had driven him to his prayers; how he had always found God ready to hear and grant his requeſts; how ſafe and eaſy he had lived under his protection; and how effectually he had broken the power, and reſtrained the malice of his enemies, ver. 4, 5..7 (4) Triumphantly truſting in God, as the ſalvation and bleſſer of his people, he ſilenceth all his fears, and pours forth his prayers for new protection and deliverance, ver. 6..8.———¶ Think, my ſoul, of Jeſus, who, when bulls of Baſhan compaſſed him about, truſted in God, that he would deliver him. In all my diſtreſs, let me pour out my heart before him, believing in him, as God, even MY GOD. Let me always rejoice in the great God my Saviour. Let me truſt in him at all times, that as he hath delivered and doth deliver, ſo he will deliver me.

O LORD, how are my foes increas'd?
againſt me many riſe.
2 Many ſay of my ſoul, For him
in God no ſuccour lies.
3 Yet thou my ſhield and glory art;
th' uplifter of mine head.
4 I cry'd, and from his holy hill
the Lord me anſwer made.
5 I laid me down and ſlept, I wak'd
for God ſuſtained me.
6 I will not fear though thouſands ten
ſet round againſt me be.
7 Ariſe, O Lord: ſave me my God;
for thou my foes haſt ſtroke
All on the cheek-bone; and the teeth
of wicked men haſt broke.
8 Salvation doth appertain
unto the Lord alone:

Thy bleſſing, Lord, for evermore
thy people is upon.

PSALM IV.

To the chief Muſician on Neginoth, *A Pſalm of* David.

This pſalm was perhaps compoſed on the ſame occaſion as the former, when David fled from Abſalom his ſon. Here, (1.) David, encouraged by former experience, caſts his burden on the Lord, and ſupplicates a merciful deliverance, ver. 1. (2.) Addreſſing himſelf to men, particularly to his perſecutors, he reproves their contempt of God and religion, their delight in, and practice of vanity, fraud and falſhood.—He repreſents the happineſs of the ſaints in having God their protector, and ready to hear their requeſts.—He recommends an holy filial awe of God, a careful abſtinence from ſin; a compoſed trial of, and converſe with their own heart, together with a devoting of themſelves, and their conduct and ſubſtance, to the Lord, ver. 2.—5. (3.) To encourage them to the ſtudy of practical religion, he remarks what ſuperlative ſatisfaction and reſt himſelf had found in familiar fellowſhip with God, and in a believing dependence on him, ver. 6.—8.———¶ While I ſing, let me have faith in God, as my own God in Chriſt. Let me abhor that levity of mind, that deceitfulneſs, that earthly-mindedneſs proper to the ungodly, and every remain thereof. Let my ſoul pant for JEHOVAH, and prefer him to every thing elſe. Let me, by faith, lay myſelf down in his arms, his boſom, as all my ſalvation and comfort.

GIVE ear unto me when I call,
God of my righteouſneſs:
Have mercy, hear my pray'r, thou haſt
enlarg'd me in diſtreſs.

2 O ye the ſons of men, how long
will ye love vanities?
How long my glory turn to ſhame,
and will ye follow lies?

3 But know, that for himſelf the Lord
the godly man doth chooſe:
The Lord, when I on him do call,
to hear will not refuſe.

4 Fear, and ſin not: talk with your heart
on bed, and ſilent be.

5 Off'rings present of righteousness;
and in the Lord trust ye.

6 O who will shew us any good?
is that which many say:
But of thy countenance the light,
Lord, lift on us alway.

7 Upon my heart bestow'd by thee
more gladness I have found,
Than they, ev'n then, when corn and wine
did most with them abound.

8 I will both lay me down in peace,
and quiet sleep will take:
Because thou only me to dwell
in safety, Lord, dost make.

PSALM V.

To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, *A Psalm of* David.

Here (1) the man according to God's heart, in the assured faith of God's hearing his prayers and hating his sins, fixeth a daily, an early, an earnest, a steady, a grace-founded correspondence with God, in his ordinances of meditation, prayer, praise, &c. ver. 1,—7. (2.) Behold him humbly requesting God's special direction in duties which his enemies had rendered difficult to perform;—supplicating and predicting the ruin of his implacable foes;—and, in the assured faith of obtaining it, imploring comfort and prosperity to his fellow saints, ver. 8—12. ——¶ While I sing, let my heart and flesh cry out, and my soul pant and wait for the Lord. In the firm faith of infinite mercy to forgive all my crimes, and wash out all my sinful stains, let me blush at, and detest my own abominations. Let me cultivate the closest familiarity with the Lord my God. Let my prayers correspond with his promises, and with the particular conditions of myself or others.

GIVE ear unto my words, O Lord:
my meditation weigh.
2 Hear my loud cry, my King, my God:
for I to thee will pray.
3 Lord, thou shalt early hear my voice:
I early will direct

My pray'r to thee, and looking up
an answer will expect.

4 For thou art not a God that doth
in wickedness delight:
Neither shall evil dwell with thee:
5 Nor fools stand in thy sight.
All that ill-doers are, thou hat'st:
6 Cut'st off that liars be;
The bloody and deceitful man
abhorred is by thee.

7 But I into thine house will come,
in thine abundant grace:
And I will worship, in thy fear,
towards thy holy place.
8 Because of those mine enemies,
Lord, in thy righteousness,
Do thou me lead: do thou thy way
make straight before my face.

9 For in their mouth there is no truth,
their inward part is ill:
Their throat's an open sepulchre;
their tongue doth flatter still.
10 O God, destroy them, let them be
by their own counsel quell'd:
Them for their many sins cast out,
for they 'gainst thee rebell'd.

11 But let all joy that trust in thee,
and still make shouting noise:
For them thou sav'st: let all that love
thy name, in thee rejoice.
12 For, Lord, unto the righteous man
thou wilt thy blessing yield:
With favour thou wilt compass him
about, as with a shield.

To the chief Muſician on Neginoth, *upon* Sheminith, *A Pſalm of* David.

Obſerve here (1) David, a great ſaint, under grievous and manifold troubles, ſickneſs of body, conſcience-felt charges of guilt, vexation of mind, attended with deſertion from God, and contemptuous inſults from his enemies, ver. 2, 3. 5. 6, 7. (2) His ſupplications, with ſtrong cries and tears, to God for mitigation of trouble, ſupport under it, and deliverance from it, ver. 1,—4. 6. (3) His triumphant ſeparation of himſelf from the wicked, in the fulneſſurance of faith, that God had heard, and would graciouſly grant his requeſts, and would either convert or deſtroy his oppoſers, ver. 8.—10.——— ¶ In all my afflictions, let me believe that Jeſus was afflicted for me. Let me call my ſin to remembrance, ſpread my caſe before him, fill my mouth with arguments, implore his abundant, free, and ſovereign mercy, as my ſole and all-comprehenſive relief. Nor let me ever expect a comfortable anſwer to my prayers, while I cultivate an intimacy with profane and wicked men.

LORD, in thy wrath rebuke me not,
nor in thy hot rage chaſten me.
2 Lord, pity me, for I am weak:
Heal me, for my bones vexed be.
3 My ſoul is alſo vexed ſore;
But, Lord, how long ſtay wilt thou make?
4 Return, O Lord, my ſoul ſet free:
O ſave me for thy mercy's ſake.

5 Becauſe thoſe that deceaſed are,
Of thee ſhall no remembrance have:
And who is he that will to thee
Give praiſes, lying in the grave?
6 I with my groaning weary am,
I alſo, all the night, my bed
Have cauſed for to ſwim; and I
With tears my couch have watered.

7 Mine eye, conſum'd with grief, grows old,
Becauſe of all mine enemies.
8 Hence from me, wicked workers all;
For God hath heard my weeping cries.

9 God hath my ſupplication heard;
My pray'r received graciouſly.
10 Sham'd and ſore vex'd be all my foes;
Sham'd and back turned ſuddenly.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

IN thy great indignation,
O Lord, rebuke me not;
Nor on me lay thy chaſt'ning hand
in thy diſpleaſure hot.
2 Lord, I am weak, therefore on me
have mercy, and me ſpare:
Heal me, O Lord, becauſe thou know'ſt
my bones much vexed are.
3 My ſoul is vexed ſore: but, Lord,
how long ſtay wilt thou make?
4 Return, Lord, free my ſoul, and ſave
me for thy mercies' ſake.
5 Becauſe of thee in death there ſhall
no more rememb'rance be:
Of thoſe that in the grave do ly,
who ſhall give thanks to thee?
6 I with my groaning weary am,
and all the night my bed
I cauſed for to ſwim: with tears
my couch I watered.
7 By reaſon of my vexing grief,
mine eye conſumed is;
It waxeth old becauſe of all
that be mine enemies.
8 But now depart from me, all ye
that work iniquity;
For why, the Lord hath heard my voice,
when I did mourn and cry.
9 Unto my ſupplication,
the Lord did hearing give;

When I to him my prayer make,
the Lord will it receive.
10. Let all be sham'd and troubled sore,
that enmies are to me;
Let them turn back, and suddenly
ashamed let them be.

PSALM VII.

Shiggaion *of* David, *which he sang unto the Lord, concerning the words of* Cush *the* Benjamite.

Here, accused of traiterous conspiracy against his Sovereign, by King Saul, or by Cush, one of his courtiers, David (1) Appeals to God, concerning his innocency of that crime, ver. 3,—5. (2) He supplicates, that God, as Governor of the world and King of Israel, would protect him from danger, plead his cause, and give judgment for him, ver. 1, 2. 6,—9. (3) In the exercise of faith, he depends on God, to protect and deliver him, and to avenge the injuries he had sustained, upon his implacable adversaries, ver. 10,—16. (4) He resolves to ascribe the glory of all his deliverances to God alone, ver. 17.——¶ While I sing, let me contemplate the spotless innocency, the finished righteousness of my Redeemer, together with the injurious usage he received from his brethren of mankind; and the fearful ruin which hath befallen, or awaits his incorrigible foes. Let me carefully approve myself in his sight, who searcheth my heart and trieth my reins, and who must quickly be my final Judge. Let me implore the just vengeance of heaven against my spiritual enemies. And not unto me, not unto me, but to his name be the glory and praise of all my protection and deliverance.

O Lord, my God, in thee do I
my confidence repose:
Save and deliver me from all
my persecuting foes.
2. Lest that the enemy my soul
should like a lion tear,
In pieces renting it, while there
is no deliverer.

3. O Lord, my God, if it be so
that I committed this;
If it be so that in my hands
iniquity there is;

4 If I rewarded ill to him
that was at peace with me:
(Yea, ev'n the man that without cause
my foe was, I did free.)

5 Then let the foe pursue, and take
my soul, and my life thrust
Down to the earth, and let him lay
mine honour in the dust.

6 Rise in thy wrath, Lord, raise thyself,
for my foes raging be;
And to the judgment which thou hast
commanded, wake for me.

7 So shall th' assembly of thy folk
about encompass thee:
Thou therefore, for their sakes, return
unto thy place on high.

8 The Lord he shall the people judge:
my judge JEHOVAH be,
After my righteousness, and mine
integrity in me.

9 O let the wicked's malice end,
but 'stablish stedfastly
The righteous: for the righteous God
the hearts and reins doth try.

10 In God, who saves th' upright in heart,
is my defence and stay.

11 God just men judgeth, God is wroth
with ill men ev'ry day.

12 If he do not return again,
then he his sword will whet:
His bow he hath already bent,
and hath it ready set.

13 He also hath for him prepar'd
the instruments of death;
Against the persecutors he
his shafts ordained hath.

14 Behold, he with iniquity
doth travail as in birth;
A miſchief he conceived hath,
and falſhood ſhall bring forth.
15 He made a pit, and digg'd it deep,
another there to take;
But he is fall'n into the ditch
which he himſelf did make.

16 Upon his own head his miſchief
ſhall be returned home;
His vi'lent dealing alſo down
on his own pate ſhall come.
17 According to his righteouſneſs
the Lord I'll magnify;
And will ſing praiſe unto the name
of God, that is moſt high.

PSALM VIII.

To the chief Muſician upon Gittith. *A Pſalm of* David.

This Pſalm contains a pleaſant, but ſolemn meditation upon the glory, the greatneſs, and the grace of God. Let me here obſerve (1) How illuſtrious and wide-ſpread are his glory and renown, ver. 1. 3. 9. (2) By how weak and inſignificant inſtruments, he manifeſts and ſpreads his ſuperlative fame, ver. 2. (3) Behold his marvellous condeſcenſion and bounty to mankind, but chiefly to the Man Chriſt, in uniting his human nature to his divine perſon, and in giving him all power in heaven and earth, for the benefit of his choſen people, ver. 4.—8. ¶ May this Jeſus, this name of God in him, be the enthroned inhabitant, the everlaſting wonder, and the ſuperlative darling of my heart. Let me, with the babes of Jeruſalem, Mat. xxi. pour forth my HOSANNAS to Him that cometh in the name of the Lord to ſave me,—HOSANNAS in the higheſt. Let all the works of nature lead, and excite me to admire their Creator's kindneſs towards men,—towards ſinful and inſignificant ME.

HOW excellent in all the earth,
Lord, our Lord, is thy name!
Who haſt thy glory far advanc'd
above the ſtarry frame.
2 From infants' and from ſucklings' mouth
thou dideſt ſtrength ordain,

For thy foes' cauſe, that ſo thou might'ſt
th' avenging foe reſtrain.

3 When I look up unto the heav'ns,
which thine own fingers fram'd:
Unto the moon, and to the ſtars,
which were by thee ordain'd:
4 Then ſay I, What is man, that he
rememb'red is by thee?
Or what the ſon of man, that thou
ſo kind to him ſhould'ſt be?

5 For thou a little lower haſt
him than the angels made;
With glory and with dignity
thou crowned haſt his head.
6 Of thy hand-works thou mad'ſt him lord;
all under's feet didſt lay:
7 All ſheep and oxen, yea, and beaſts
that in the field do ſtray.

8 Fowls of the air, fiſh of the ſea,
all that paſs through the ſame.
9 How excellent in all the earth,
Lord, our Lord is thy name!

PSALM IX.

To the chief Muſician upon Muth-Labben,
A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm was perhaps compoſed on the occaſion of h's ſon Abſalom's death, 2 Sam. xviii. or on the occaſion of the death of Goliath the champion and duelliſt of Gath, 1 Sam. xvii. We have in it, (1) David's hearty thankſgivings to God for his pleading of his cauſe againſt his and his country's enemies, and for giving him a complete victory over them, ver. 1,—6. and his excitement of others to join with him therein, ver. 11, 12. (2) His triumph in God as the righteous judge of the world, protector of his people, and the deſtroyer of his implacable enemies, ver. 7,—10. 15,—18. (3) His requeſts for further grounds of praiſing God as his own deliverer; and the confounder of his enemies, ver. 13, 14. 19, 20 —¶. While I ſing theſe ſubjects, let me chiefly conſider the bleſſings of redemption, the victories of my Redeemer over ſin, death and hell; and believe that I, through him, ſhall be more than a conquero-

Let the ruin of transgressors effectually admonish me to stand in awe of God, and at the furthest distance from sin.

LORD, thee I'll praise with all my heart,
thy wonders all proclaim.
2 In thee, most High, I'll greatly joy,
and sing unto thy name.
3 When back my foes were turn'd, they fell,
and perish'd at thy sight;
4 For thou maintain'dst my right and cause,
on throne satt'st, judging right.
5 The heathen thou rebuked hast,
the wicked overthrown;
Thou hast put out their names, that they
may never more be known.
6 O en'my! now destructions have
an end perpetual:
Thou cities raz'd; perish'd with them
is their memorial.
7 God shall endure for ay; he doth
for judgment set his throne:
8 In righteousness to judge the world,
justice to give each one.
9 God also will a refuge be
for those that are oppress;
A refuge will he be in times
of trouble to distress.
10 And they that know thy name, in thee
their confidence will place;
For thou hast not forsaken them
that truly seek thy face.
11 O sing ye praises to the Lord,
that dwells in Sion hill,
And, all the nations among,
his deeds record ye still.
12 When he enquireth after blood,
he then rememb'reth them:
The humble folk he not forgets,
that call upon his name.

13 Lord, pity me, behold the grief,
which I from foes ſuſtain;
Ev'n thou, who from the gates of death
doth raiſe me up again:

14 That I, in Sion's daughter's gates,
may all thy praiſe advance:
And that I may rejoice always
in thy deliverance.

15 The heathen are ſunk in the pit,
which they themſelves prepar'd;
And, in the net which they have hid,
their own feet faſt are ſnar'd.

16 The Lord is by the judgment known,
which he himſelf hath wrought:
The ſinners hands do make the ſnares
wherewith themſelves are caught.

17 They, who are wicked, into hell
each one ſhall turned be:
And all the nations that forget
to ſeek the Lord moſt high.

18 For they that needy are, ſhall not
forgotten be alway;
The expectation of the poor
ſhall not be loſt for ay.

19 Ariſe, Lord, let not man prevail;
judge heathens in thy ſight:

20 That they may know themſelves but men,
the nations, Lord, affright.

PSALM X.

In this Pſalm of lamentation and wo, we have (1) David's mournful complaints of God's withdrawment of his gracious and comfortable preſence, ver. 1. (2) His mournful and ſhocking repreſentation of the wicked men, who perſecuted him, during God's abſence: They proudly gloried in themſelves; they counteracted the laws and contemned the judgments of God; they contradicted and defied their oppoſers; they were malicious, treacherous, crafty, hypocritical, and atheiſtical perſecutors, ver. 2,—11. (3) His earneſt ſupplications for relief to the people of God, attended with the firm faith of obtaining

it, ver. 12,—18.——¶ While I ſing theſe, ponder, O my ſoul, what a privilege it is, to enjoy familiar fellowſhip with God! What abominations ly hid in an evil heart of unbelief! What a mercy, that the Lord hath with-held me from that outrage in wickedneſs, of which my corrupt nature is capable! Let all my views of ſins and of judgments cauſe me flee to Jeſus for relief. If he prepare my heart to pray, he will ſurely grant my requeſts.

WHerefore is it, that thou, O Lord,
doſt ſtand from us afar?
And wherefore hideſt thou thyſelf,
when times ſo troubl'ous are?

2 The wicked, in his loftineſs,
doth perſecute the poor:
In theſe devices they have fram'd,
let them be taken ſure.

3 The wicked, of his heart's deſire,
doth talk with boaſting great;
He bleſſeth him that's covetous,
whom yet the Lord doth hate.

4 The wicked, thro' his pride of face,
on God he doth not call;
And in the counſels of his heart
the Lord is not at all.

5 His ways they always grievous are:
thy judgments from his ſight
Removed are: at all his foes
he puffeth with deſpite.

6 Within his heart he thus hath ſaid,
I ſhall not moved be;
And no adverſity at all
ſhall ever come to me.

7 His mouth with curſing, fraud, deceit,
is fill'd abundantly:
And underneath his tongue there is
miſchief and vanity.

8 He cloſely ſits in villages;
he ſlays the innocent:

Againſt the poor, that paſs him by,
his cruel eyes are bent.

9 He lion-like lurks in his den;
he waits the poor to take:
And when he draws him in his net,
his prey he doth him make.

10 Himſelf he humbleth very low,
he croucheth down withal,
That ſo a multitude of poor
may by his ſtrong ones fall.

11 He thus hath ſaid within his heart,
the Lord hath quite forgot:
He hides countenance, and he
for ever ſees it not.

12 O Lord, do thou ariſe; O God,
lift up thine hand on high;
Put not the meek afflicted ones
out of thy memory.

13 Why is it that the wicked man
thus doth the Lord deſpiſe?
Becauſe that God will it require,
he in his heart denies.

14 Thou haſt it ſeen, for their miſchief
and ſpite thou wilt repay:
The poor commits himſelf to thee,
thou art the orphan's ſtay.

15 The arm break of the wicked man,
and of the evil one;
Do thou ſeek out his wickedneſs,
until thou findeſt none.

16 The Lord is King thro' ages all,
ev'n to eternity:
The heathen people from his land
are periſh'd utterly.

17 O Lord, of thoſe that humble are
thou the deſire didſt hear:

Thou wilt prepare their heart, and thou
to hear wilt bend thine ear:
18 To judge the fatherleſs, and thoſe
that are oppreſſed ſore,
That man, that is but ſprung of earth,
may them oppreſs no more.

PSALM XI.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm of David.

Behold here (1) David, tempted by his timorous friends, to eſcape to ſome mountain, and hide himſelf from the fury of Saul, or of Abſalom, as if that were his only ſafe courſe, now, when his enemies were exerting themſelves to the uttermoſt, and all things were in diſorder and confuſion, ver. 1,—3. (2) David baffling the temptation by a reſolute profeſſion of his truſt in God, as the obſerver of all men;—as the holy and righteous puniſher of the wicked, and friend of the godly, ver. 1. 4.—7 —— ¶ Let no temptation decoy me from my duty. Let no danger deter me from it. While JEHOVAH, my reconciled God and Father, manageth and judgeth the world, my ſafeſt courſe is to commit myſelf to him in well-doing. Let the juſt vengeance of God upon ſinners deter my heart from ſinning, and his kindneſs to his people encourage me to holineſs in all manner of converſation.

1 In the Lord do put my truſt;
how is it then that ye
Say to my ſoul, Flee as a bird
unto your mountain high:
2 For lo, the wicked bend their bow,
their ſhafts on ſtrings they fit,
That thoſe who upright are in heart,
they privily may hit.
3 If the foundations be deſtroy'd,
what hath the righteous done?
4 God in his holy temple is,
in heaven is his throne:
His eyes do ſee, his eye-lids try
5 Men's ſons. The juſt he proves:
But his ſoul hates the wicked man,
and him that violence loves.

6 Snares, fire and brimſtone, furious ſtorms,
on ſinners he ſhall rain:
This, as the portion of their cup,
doth unto them pertain.
7 Becauſe the Lord moſt righteous doth
in righteouſneſs delight,
And with a pleaſant countenance
beholdeth the upright.

PSALM XII.

To the chief Muſician upon Sheminith, *A Pſalm of* David.

In this Pſalm, which was probably penned, during the reign of Saul, obſerve (1) The times rendered extremely bad by the almoſt univerſal death of the godly, the general decay of piety and honeſty, the common prevalence of diſſimulation and flattery; and by the proud and daring contempt of God, and oppreſſion of the poor; and by the protection and encouragement of wickedneſs, by thoſe that bare rule, in church or ſtate, ver. 1,—4. 8. (2) Enough in God to balance the evils of the worſt of times. He is ready to help. He will in due time reckon with the wicked, and reſtrain their inſolence. He will ſeaſonably and effectually relieve his oppreſſed people. His words are pure, firm and faithful; and he will alway ſecure a remnant for himſelf, ver. 1. 5,—7.——¶ In evil times, do thou my ſoul, live on thy God. Walk humbly with thy God. Hope continually in thy God, and rejoice in his New-covenant promiſes to men,—to ME.

HELP, Lord, becauſe the godly man
doth daily fade away,
And from among the ſons of men
the faithful do decay.
2 Unto his neighbour ev'ry one
doth utter vanity:
They with a double heart do ſpeak,
and lips of flattery.
3 God ſhall cut off all flatt'ring lips,
tongues that ſpeak proudly, thus,
4 We'll with our tongue prevail, our lips
are ours: Who's lord o'er us?

5 For poor oppreſt, and for the ſighs
of needy riſe will I,
Saith God, and him in ſafety ſet
from ſuch as him defy.

6 The words of God are words moſt pure,
they be like ſilver try'd.
In earthen-furnace ſeven times
that hath been purify'd.

7 Lord, thou ſhalt them preſerve and keep
for ever from this race.

8 On each ſide walk the wicked, when
vile men are high in place.

PSALM XIII.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm of David.

Here we have the Pſalmiſt ſowing in tears, but reaping in joy. Obſerve (1) His extreme diſtreſs, occaſioned by God's apparent unkindneſs, and by inward anguiſh of ſoul, and inſolence of enemies, ver. 1, 2. (2) His fervent ſupplications, that God would conſider his caſe, ſtrengthen his faith, direct his goings, and comfort his heart, ver. 3. 4. (3) Sudden deliverance, flowing from a fixed truſt in God, and inducing to a triumphant joy in Him, ver. 5, 6.——¶ Think, my ſoul, how divine withdrawments, ſenſibly perceived, ſting a renewed heart! How changeable the ſaints ſpiritual frames are, while they continue in this world. Weeping endures for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. And, behold, how quickly the prayers of faith are anſwered, and its expectations fulfilled!

HOW long wilt thou forget me, Lord?
ſhall it for ever be?
O how long ſhall it be, that thou
wilt hide thy face from me?

2 How long take counſel in my ſoul,
ſtill ſad in heart, ſhall I?
How long exalted over me
ſhall be mine enemy?

3 O Lord my God, conſider well,
and anſwer to me make:

Mine eyes enlighten, leſt the ſleep
of death me overtake:
4 Leſt that mine enemy ſhould ſay,
againſt him I prevail'd;
And thoſe that trouble me rejoice,
when I am mov'd and fail'd.
5 But I have all my confidence
thy mercy ſet upon:
My heart within me ſhall rejoice
in thy ſalvation.
6 I will unto the Lord my God
ſing praiſes chearfully,
Becauſe he hath his bounty ſhown
to me abundantly.

PSALM XIV.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm repreſents the fearful ſinfulneſs and miſery of mankind, and the marvellous method of deliverance therefrom. Behold here (1) All mankind fearfully infected with the God-diſhonouring, the ſoul-debaſing and defiling, the world-diſturbing, malady of ſinful corruption in heart and life, ver. 1,—3. (2) Warm expoſtulations for the conviction, awakening, and reclaiming, of wicked men, ver. 4,—6. (3) Conſolations exhibited to the righteous, from God's being among them, and being a refuge to them, and from his ſending his Son to ſave and redeem them, ver. 5,—7.——¶ While I ſing theſe lines, let me have a deep ſenſe of my corruptions. Let me be aſhamed of them before God. Let me, with a broken heart and weeping eye, confeſs my filthineſs and crimes. Let me groan after and flee to Jeſus, the Saviour, the ſalvation of God. O wretched man that I am! who ſhall deliver me from this abominable life;—from this inward body of death!—Thanks to the Redeemer, who is come to Zion to turn away ungodlineſs from Jacob!—Let therefore Jacob rejoice, and the Gentiles ſing.

THAT there is not a God, the fool
doth in his heart conclude:
They are corrupt, their works are vile,
not one of them doth good.

2 Upon men's ſons the Lord from heav'n
did caſt his eyes abroad;
To ſee if any underſtood,
and did ſeek after God.

3 They altogether filthy are,
they all aſide are gone;
And there is none that doeth good;
yea, ſure there is not one.

4 Theſe workers of iniquity,
do they not know at all,
That they my people eat as bread,
and on God do not call?

5 There fear'd they much: for God is with
the whole race of the juſt.

6 You ſhame the counſel of the poor;
becauſe God is his truſt.

7 Let Iſra'l's help from Zion come:
when back the Lord ſhall bring
His captives, Jacob ſhall rejoice,
and Iſrael ſhall ſing.

PSALM XV.

A Pſalm of David.

Here let me (1) With wonder, obſerve the happy ſtate of preſent fellowſhip with God, in his church on earth, and of everlaſting fellowſhip with him, in the temple above; and how fixed the ſaints are in this their new-covenant ſtate, ver. 1. 5. (2) Let me with ſelf-examination, remark the diſcriminating characters of ſuch as are admitted to that happy ſtate. They are ſincere, upright, and honeſt, in all their ways; are kind to neighbours; they eſteem others in proportion to the appearance of Chriſt's image on them; and they prefer a good conſcience to every earthly advantage, ver. 2,—5.——¶ While I ſing, let me think of my perfect and all-ſufficient Saviour, who is paſſed into the heavens;—is entered for me, as the fore-runner. And, having received him into my heart as my ſanctifying furniture, let me walk in him as my way, and follow him as my pattern, denying ungodlineſs and worldly luſts, and living ſoberly, righteouſly and godly in this preſent world. Thus ſhall the Father and the Son come unto me on earth, and take up their abode with me: And ſo ſhall I in heaven, be for ever with the Lord.

Within thy tabernacle, Lord,
who shall abide with thee?
And in thy high and holy hill
who shall a dweller be?

2 The man that walketh uprightly,
and worketh righteousness;
And, as he thinketh in his heart,
so doth he truth express.

3 Who doth not slander with his tongue,
nor to his friend doth hurt:
Nor yet against his neighbour doth
take up an ill report.

4 In whose eyes vile men are despis'd;
but those that God do fear.
He honoureth: and changeth not,
though to his hurt he swear.

5 His coin puts not to usury,
nor take reward will he
Against the guiltless. Who doth thus,
shall never moved be.

PSALM XVI.

Michtam of David.

This Psalm is indeed a MICHTAM, a golden Psalm! Behold the man according to God's heart (1) Committing himself to God as his Preserver, ver. 1. (2) Avowing his endeared love to the people, and strict adherence to the worship of God, ver. 3, 4. (3) With great confidence and joy claiming God for his satisfying portion, ver. 2, 5,—7. (4) Comforting himself in and blessing God for his present intimacy with him, and granting direction to him, and for his certain prospect of the eternal enjoyment of him, ver. 8,—11.——¶ But chiefly Behold! here, Jesus, the man of God's right hand, surrendering himself up to his Father's service, in room of, and for the everlasting advantage of his elect! Behold him, taking out his new-covenant claim to God, as his God and portion for ever; and as our God and portion in him! Behold, how, supported of God, in his holy manhood, he suffers unto a tremendous death, and debased burial; but being raised again, he is crowned with everlasting glory and honour! Behold! how the agonies of suffering, and the pains of death are succeeded, with fulness of joy,

rivers of life and pleasures at God's right hand for evermore. Looking to him, let me with patience, run the race that is set before me, living on, and rejoicing in God, as my ALL and IN ALL; and looking for the blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God my Saviour. Through him, neither sin, nor devils, nor death, nor hell, shall be able to prevent my immediate and everlasting enjoyment of JEHOVAH, as my infinite portion and EXCEEDING JOY.

LORD, keep me; for I trust in thee,
2 To God thus was my speech;
Thou art my Lord, and unto thee
my goodness doth not reach:
3 To saints on earth, to th' excellent,
where my delight's all plac'd.
4 Their sorrows shall be multiply'd,
to other gods that haste:

Of their drink-offerings of blood
I will no off'ring make;
Yea, neither I their very names
up in my lips will take.
5 God is of mine inheritance
and cup the portion:
The lot that fallen is to me,
thou dost maintain alone.
6 Unto me happily the lines
in pleasant places fell;
Yea, the inheritance I got,
in beauty doth excel.
7 I bless the Lord, because he doth
by counsel me conduct:
And, in the seasons of the night,
my reins do me instruct.
8 Before me still the Lord I set:
sith it is so, that he
Doth ever stand at my right hand,
I shall not moved be.
9 Because of this my heart is glad,
and joy shall be expreſt

Ev'n by my glory: and my fleſh
in confidence ſhall reſt.
10 Becauſe my ſoul in grave to dwell
ſhall not be left by thee;
Nor wilt thou give thine holy One
corruption to ſee.
11 Thou wilt me ſhew the path of life:
of joys there is full ſtore
Before thy face, at thy right hand
are pleaſures evermore.

PSALM XVII.

A Prayer of David.

Here, in the depths of diſtreſs, (1) David appeals to God, concerning the integrity of his heart, and the juſtneſs of his cauſe, ver. 1,—4. (2) He prays for eſtabliſhment in grace within; for tokens of divine favour from above; and for preſervation from his carnal, malicious, and inſolent, his reſtleſs and powerful enemies, around, ver. 5,—14. (3) He triumphs in the aſſured faith of his everlaſting enjoyment of, and conformity to God, ver. 15.——¶ Let me alſo here look after Jeſus, in whoſe heart was no deceit, and in whoſe mouth was no guile:—Jeſus, who fulfilled all righteouſneſs for me; and who notwithſtanding all the rage of devils and men, hath ſat down at the right hand of God, crowned with glory and honour. Let me remember, That he, as the fore-runner, is for me entered into the manſions of bliſs; and hath left me an example, that I ſhould follow his ſteps.

LORD, hear the right, attend my cry,
unto my pray'r give heed,
That doth not in hypocriſy
from feigned lips proceed.
2 And from before thy preſence forth
my ſentence do thou ſend:
Toward theſe things that equal are,
do thou thine eyes intend.
3 Thou prov'dſt mine heart, thou viſit'dſt me,
by night thou didſt me try,
Yet nothing found'ſt; for that my mouth
ſhall not ſin, purpos'd I.

4 As for men's works, I, by the word
that from thy lips doth flow,
Did me preserve out of the paths
wherein destroyers go.

5 Hold up my goings, Lord; me guide
in those thy paths divine,
So that my footsteps may not slide
out of these ways of thine.

6 I called have on thee, O God,
because thou wilt me hear:
That thou may'st hearken to my speech,
to me incline thine ear.

7 Thy wond'rous loving-kindness show,
thou that by thy right hand
Sav'st them that trust in thee, from those
that up against them stand.

8 As th' apple of the eye me keep;
in thy wings shade me close,

9 From lewd oppressors, compassing
me round as deadly foes.

10 In their own fat they are inclos'd,
their mouth speaks loftily.

11 Our steps they compass'd; and to ground
down bowing set their eye.

12 He like unto a lion is,
that's greedy of his prey;
Or lion young, which lurking doth
in secret places stay.

13 Arise, and disappoint my foe,
and cast him down, O Lord:
My soul save from the wicked man,
the man which is thy sword.

14 From men which are thy hand, O Lord,
from worldly men me save,
Which only in this present life
their part and portion have:

Whose belly with thy treasure hid
thou fill'st: they children have
In plenty, of their goods the rest
they to their children leave.
15 But as for me, I thine own face
in righteousness will see:
And, with thy likeness, when I wake,
I satisfy'd shall be.

PSALM XVIII.

To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord, who spake unto the Lord the words of this song, in the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: *And he said,*

In this Psalm of thanksgiving for manifold deliverances, observe (1) David's ardent love to God in Christ, whom he believed to be HIS OWN, in every gracious and saving relation; and whom he had experienced, his merciful, almighty, and seasonable Deliverer, from depths of trouble, ver. 1,—19. (2) His comfortable reflections, on the integrity, which the Lord had enabled him to maintain, and on the gracious kindness of God, consequential thereupon, ver. 20,—28. (3) His thankful ascription of all the glory of his noted exploits to God, as his director and strengthener, ver. 29,—42. (4) His triumphant faith and hope, of further assistance and favour from God, to himself and to his seed, for evermore, ver. 43,—50. ¶ But, let me not forget Jesus, to whom, JEHOVAH is so closely, so marvellously, so sweetly, related:—Jesus, who so ardently loves his eternal Father, and for ever returns the grateful remembrance of his kindness to him and to his chosen seed, in delivering him from distress, in raising him from the dead; in rewarding his obedience unto death, in giving him glory at his own right hand, and in rendering all nations his obedient subjects.——Let me sing this new song, in the full assurance of faith, that God in Christ is my ALL and IN ALL; and with an heart ravished with the consolations of Christ, and in the sweet reviews of what he hath done, what he doth, and what he will for ever do, for my soul.

THEE will I love, O Lord, my strength.
2 My fortress is the Lord,
My rock, and he that doth to me
deliverance afford:

My God, my ſtrength, whom I will truſt,
a buckler unto me,
The horn of my ſalvation,
and my high tow'r is he.

3 Upon the Lord, who worthy is
of praiſes, will I cry:
And then ſhall I preſerved be
ſafe from mine enemy.

4 Floods of ill men affrighted me,
death's pangs about me went.

5 Hell's ſorrows me environed:
death's ſnares did me prevent.

6 In my diſtreſs I call'd on God,
cry to my God did I:
He from his temple heard my voice,
to his ears came my cry.

7 Th' earth, as affrighted, then did ſhake
trembling upon it ſeiz'd;
The hills' foundations moved were,
becauſe he was diſpleas'd.

8 Up from his noſtrils came a ſmoke,
and from his mouth there came
Devouring fire, and coals by it
were turned into flame.

9 He alſo bowed down the heav'ns,
and thence he did deſcend:
And thickeſt clouds of darkneſs did
under his feet attend.

10 And he upon a cherub rode,
and thereon he did fly:
Yea, on the ſwift wings of the wind
his flight was from on high.

11 He darkneſs made his ſecret place:
about him for his tent
Dark waters were, and thickeſt clouds
of th' airy firmament.

12 And at the brightneſs of that light
which was before his eye,
His thick clouds paſs'd away, hail-ſtones
and coals of fire did fly.
13 The Lord God alſo in the heav'ns
did thunder in his ire,
And there the Higheſt gave his voice,
hail-ſtones and coals of fire.

14 Yea, he his arrows ſent abroad,
and them he ſcattered;
His light'nings alſo he ſhot out,
and them diſcomfited.
15 The waters' channels then were ſeen
the world's foundations vaſt
At thy rebuke diſcov'red were,
and at thy noſtril's blaſt.

16 And from above the Lord ſent down,
and took me from below,
From many waters he me drew,
which would me overflow.
17 He me reliev'd from my ſtrong foes,
and ſuch as did me hate:
Becauſe he ſaw that they for me
too ſtrong were, and too great.

18 They me prevented in the day
of my calamity:
But, even then, the Lord himſelf
a ſtay was unto me.
19 He to a place where liberty
and room was, hath me brought:
Becauſe he took delight in me,
he my deliv'rance wrought.

20 According to my righteouſneſs,
he did me recompence;
He me repaid according to
my hands pure innocence.

21 For I God's ways kept, from my God
did not turn wickedly.
22 His judgments were before me, I
his laws put not from me.

23 Sincere before him was my heart,
with him upright was I;
And watchfully I kept myself
from mine iniquity.
24 After my righteousness the Lord
hath recompensed me,
After the cleanness of my hands
appearing in his eye.

25 Thou gracious to the gracious art,
to upright men upright.
26 Pure to the pure, froward thou kyth'st
unto the froward wight.
27 For thou wilt the afflicted save,
in grief that low do lie:
But wilt bring down the countenance
of them whose looks are high.

28 The Lord will light my candle so,
that it shall shine full bright:
The Lord my God will also make
my darkness to be light.
29 By thee through troops of men I break,
and them discomfit all:
And, by my God assisting me,
I overleap a wall.

30 As for God, perfect is his way:
the Lord his word is try'd:
He is a buckler to all those
who do in him confide.
31 Who but the Lord is God? but he
who is a rock and stay?
32 'Tis God that girdeth me with strength,
and perfect makes my way.

33 He made my feet ſwift as the hinds,
ſet me on my high places.
34 Mine hands to war he taught, mine arms
brake bows of ſteel in pieces.
35 The ſhield of thy ſalvation
thou didſt on me beſtow:
Thy right hand held me up, and great
thy kindneſs made me grow.
36 And in my way, my ſteps thou haſt
enlarged under me;
That I go ſafely, and my feet
are kept from ſliding free.
37 Mine en'mies I purſued have,
and did them overtake:
Nor did I turn again, till I
an end of them did make.
38 I wounded them, they could not riſe,
they at my feet did fall.
39 Thou girdedſt me with ſtrength for war,
my foes thou brought'ſt down all.
40 And thou haſt given to me the necks
of all mine enemies:
That I might them deſtroy and ſlay
who did againſt me riſe.
41 They cried out, but there was none
that would or could them ſave:
Yea, they did cry unto the Lord,
but he no anſwer gave.
42 Then did I beat them ſmall as duſt
before the wind that flies:
And I did caſt them out like dirt
upon the ſtreet that lies.
43 Thou mad'ſt me free from people's ſtrife,
and heathen's head to be:
A people whom I have not known,
ſhall ſervice do to me.

44 At hearing they ſhall me obey;
to me they ſhall ſubmit.
45 Strangers for fear ſhall fade away,
who in cloſe places ſit.
46 God lives, bleſs'd be my rock: the God
of my health praiſed be.
47 God doth avenge me, and ſubdues
the people under me.
48 He ſaves me from mine enemies:
yea, thou haſt lifted me
Above my foes; and from the man
of vi'lence ſet me free.
49 Therefore to thee I will give thanks
the heathen folk among:
And to thy name, O Lord, I will
ſing praiſes in a ſong.
50 He great deliv'rance gives his king:
he mercy doth extend.
To David, his anointed one,
and his ſeed without end.

PSALM XIX.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm of David.

Now the books of God are opened; not for my trial and condemnation in the laſt judgment, but for my inſtruction. Let my ſoul look and read thereon. (1) The book of Creation and Providence, in which all the works of God inſtruct mankind in general, concerning the eternal wiſdom, power, and goodneſs, of their Maker, ver. 1,—6. (2) The book of Inſpiration, the ſure, the right, the pure, the true, the perfect and powerful, oracles of which, inſtruct, convert, comfort, and warn the members of the church; and in keeping of which, there is an exceeding great and everlaſting reward of glory obtained, ver. 7,—11. (3) What conviction of ſin! What ſupplication for pardon of it, and preſervation from it; and for the acceptance of our duties, through Jeſus' blood, doth, or ought to enſue upon a proper peruſal of theſe volumes of heaven, ver. 12,—14. ——— ¶ While I ſing theſe matters, let me, conſcious of my own ignorance and folly, in all things conſult the mind of God. Let me bluſh, that my experience of the powerful influences of God's word is ſo ſcanty; and that

in me, ſtill dwell ſuch fearful remains of ſinful corruption: Let me cry mightily to God, for the ſubduing and deſtruction thereof.

THE heav'ns God's glory do declare:
the ſkies his hand-works preach.
2 Day utters ſpeech to day, and night
to night doth knowledge teach.
3 There is no ſpeech, nor tongue, to which
their voice doth not extend.
4 Their line is gone through all the earth,
their words to the world's end.

In them he ſet the ſun a tent,
5 Who bridegroom-like forth goes:
From's chamber, as a ſtrong man doth
to run his race, rejoice.
6 From heav'n's end is his going forth,
circling to th' end again:
And there is nothing from his heat
that hidden doth remain.

7 God's law is perfect, and converts
the ſoul in ſin that lies:
God's teſtimony is moſt ſure,
and makes the ſimple wiſe.
8 The ſtatutes of the Lord are right,
and do rejoice the heart:
The Lord's command is pure, and doth
light to the eyes impart.

9 Unſpotted is the fear of God,
and doth endure for ever:
The judgments of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.
10 They more than gold, yea, much fine gold,
to be deſired are:
Than honey, honey from the comb
that droppeth, ſweeter far.

11 Moreover, they thy ſervant warn
how he his life ſhould frame:
A great reward provided is
for them that keep the ſame.
12 Who can his errors underſtand?
O cleanſe thou me within
13 From ſecret faults. Thy ſervant keep
from all preſumptuous ſin.

And do not ſuffer them to have
dominion over me:
Then righteous and innocent
I from much ſin ſhall be.
14 The words which from my mouth proceed,
the thoughts ſent from my heart,
Accept, O Lord, for thou my ſtrength
and my Redeemer art.

PSALM XX.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm of David.

Probably, this Pſalm was compoſed, to be a prayer for ſucceſs, in ſome particular expedition of David's wars. Here (1) The People pray for their king; that God would grant him his requeſts; protect, aſſiſt, and ſtrengthen him, in his work; accept his oblations; and ſucceed his projects for the public welfare, ver. 1,—4. (2) They triumph in God, as their only ſtrength and deliverer, in whom they ſhall be more than conquerors, ver. 5, 6.——¶ Let not me forget Jeſus, for whom prayer is made continually;—Jeſus, who ſhall daily be praiſed; and whom the Father heareth always; accepts his ſacrifice, and crowns him with glory and honour. And let no creature, but JEHOVAH as my God in Chriſt, be the ground, and the object, of all my faith and expectation.

JEHOVAH hear thee in the day
when trouble he doth ſend:
And let the name of Jacob's God
thee from all ill defend.
2 O let him help ſend from above,
out of his ſanctuary;
From Sion his own holy hill,
let him give ſtrength to thee.

3 Let him remember all thy gifts,
accept thy sacrifice;
4 Grant thee thine heart's wish, and fulfil
thy thoughts and counsel wise.
5 In thy salvation we will joy;
in our God's name we will
Display our banners: and the Lord
thy prayers all fulfil.
6 Now know I, God his king doth save:
he from his holy heav'n
Will hear him, with the saving strength
by his own right hand giv'n.
7 In chariots some put confidence,
some horses trust upon:
But we remember will the name
of our Lord God alone.
8 We rise, and upright stand, when they
are bowed down, and fall.
9 Deliver, Lord, and let the King
us hear when we do call.

PSALM XXI.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

In this Song of thanksgiving, observe (1) All the joys, the honours, and happiness, of King David, founded in the perfections and gracious works of God, ver. 1,—6. (2) Full assurance of the stability of David's throne, and of the discovery and destruction of his implacable opposers, ver. 7,—12. (3) Earnest supplications to God, for the exhilerating displays of his glory and power, ver. 13,——¶ But chiefly, my soul, behold here, the everlasting honours, joys, happiness, and blissful influences of thy Redeemer! Behold how fixed is his kingdom and dignity, in the infinite, everlasting, and unchangeable, wisdom, power, mercy, equity, goodness and truth of the Most High! Behold, what inexpressible vengeance kindles upon and destroys his Jewish;—his Heathen;—his Antichristian; and other incorrigible foes!——Rejoice, my soul, in this God thy Saviour. Rejoice at the glory wherewith he is crowned;—at the life granted to, and lodged in him; and in his being made blessings for evermore to MEN,—Blessings for evermore to ME. And, let the ruinous overthrow of his Jewish or other

enemies, make me ſtand in awe to provoke him, by preſumptuous refuſal of him, or rebellion againſt him.

THE king in thy great ſtrength, O Lord,
ſhall very joyful be:
In thy ſalvation rejoice
how veh'mently ſhall he?
2 Thou haſt beſtowed upon him
all that his heart would have,
And thou from him didſt not with-hold
whate'er his lips did crave.
3 For thou with bleſſings him prevent'ſt
of goodneſs manifold;
And thou haſt ſet upon his head
a crown of pureſt gold.
4 When he deſired life of thee,
thou life to him didſt give;
Ev'n ſuch a length of days, that he
for evermore ſhould live.
5 In that ſalvation wrought by thee,
his glory is made great:
Honour and comely majeſty
thou haſt upon him ſet.
6 Becauſe that thou for evermore
moſt bleſſed haſt him made:
And thou haſt with thy countenance
made him exceeding glad.
7 Becauſe the king upon the Lord,
his confidence doth lay,
And, thro' the grace of the moſt High,
ſhall not be mov'd away.
8 Thine hand ſhall all thoſe men find out,
that en'mies are to thee,
Ev'n thy right hand ſhall find out thoſe
of thee that haters be.
9 Like fiery ov'n thou ſhalt them make,
when kindled is thine ire:
God ſhall them ſwallow in his wrath,
devour them ſhall the fire.

10 Their fruit from earth thou ſhalt deſtroy,
their ſeed men from among.
11 For they, beyond their might, 'againſt thee
did plot miſchief and wrong.
12 Thou therefore ſhalt make them turn back
when thou thy ſhafts ſhall place
Upon thy ſtrings, made ready all
to fly againſt their face.
13 In thy great pow'r and ſtrength, O Lord,
be thou exalted high:
So ſhall we ſing with joyful hearts;
thy power praiſe ſhall we.

PSALM XXII.

To the chief Muſician upon Aijeleth Shahar, *A Pſalm of* David.

Here the debaſement and exaltation of David, king of Iſrael, are merely ſubſervient to, and figurative of, the debaſement and exaltation of Jeſus Chriſt, our Bleſſed AIJELETH SHAHAR, Hind of the morning. [1]. In this deep debaſement, we find (1) Bitter, but kindly and believing, complaints of God's withdrawment,—attended with earneſt attempts of faith to quiet the complainer's ſoul under it,—drawn from the conſideration of God's holineſs and highneſs, and his ſeaſonable deliverance of his people in former times, when they cried to him, ver. 1,—5. (2) Bitter complaints of men's reproaches and contemptuous deriſion,—attended with ſelf-encouragements, drawn from former experience of God's early and ſeaſonable care and friendſhip, ver. 6,—10. (3) Bitter complaints of the number and rage of enemies, attended with exquiſite agonies of body and mind, and mingled with earneſt prayers for God's ſpeedy ſupports, aſſiſtance, and powerful deliverance, ver. 11,—22.——¶ While I ſing theſe, let me behold the vileneſs, the criminality, the deſtructive influence, of ſin! Let me behold the ſovereignty of God, who not only ſcourgeth every ſon whom he receiveth, but ſpared not his ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, but delivered him up for us all! Behold, how he hates! How he puniſheth our ſin! And what manner of love be beſtowed upon us, that we might be called the ſons of God! Behold! how he commendeth his love unto us, in that, while we were yet ſinners, Chriſt died for us! And if Jeſus, with patience bore ſuch deſertion, reproach, and diſtreſs, let me, in

the firm faith that he did all for me; and that God is mine, and maketh all things work for my good, ſtudy an unhampered reſignation to his will.

[2] By the typical exaltation of David, and the increaſe, happineſs, honour, and duration of his kingdom, we have prefigured the glorious exaltation of our Redeemer, importing, That he ſhould have a church among men; that his Father ſhould be glorified in them as well as in him:—that his true ſubjects ſhould abound in prayer, praiſe, and ſpiritual comfort, and everlaſting life:—and that his church ſhould be enlarged with multitudes, of both Jews and Gentiles; and ſhould, to his honour, and for his worſhip and ſervice, continue to all generations, ver. 22,—31.——¶ While I ſing this, let me truſt, and rejoice in, and plead his promiſes, relative to myſelf and his church. Let me ponder, whether I have heard his voice, ſhared his ſaving pity, feaſted on his ſpiritual proviſion, and worſhipped him in ſpirit, and in truth? And whether it is the deſire of my ſoul to cauſe his name to be remembred to all generations.

MY God, my God, why haſt thou me
forſaken? why ſo far
Art thou from helping me, and from
my words that roaring are?
2 All day, my God, to thee I cry,
yet am not heard by thee;
And in the ſeaſon of the night
I cannot ſilent be.
3 But thou art holy, thou that doſt
inhabit Iſr'el's praiſe.
4 Our fathers hop'd in thee, they hop'd,
and thou didſt them releaſe.
5 When unto thee they ſent their cry,
to them deliv'rance came:
Becauſe they put their truſt in thee,
they were not put to ſhame.
6 But as for me, a worm I am,
and as no man am priz'd:
Reproach of men I am, and by
the people am deſpis'd.
7 All that me ſee, laugh me to ſcorn:
ſhoot out the lip do they,

They nod and ſhake their heads at me,
and mocking, thus do ſay,
8 This man did truſt in God, that he
would free him by his might:
Let him deliver him, ſith he
had in him ſuch delight.
9 But thou art he out of the womb
that didſt me ſafely take;
When I was on my mother's breaſts,
thou me to hope didſt make.
10 And I was caſt upon thy care,
ev'n from the womb till now:
And from my mother's belly, Lord,
my God and guide art thou.
11 Be not far off, for grief is near,
and none to help is found.
12 Bulls many compaſs me; ſtrong bulls
of Baſhan me ſurround.
13 Their mouths they op'ned wide on me,
upon me gape did they,
Like to a lion ravening,
and roaring for his prey.
14 Like water I'm pour'd out, my bones
all out of joint do part:
Amidſt my bowels, as the wax,
ſo melted is my heart.
15 My ſtrength is like a potſherd dry'd;
my tongue it cleaveth faſt
Unto my jaws; and to the duſt
of death thou brought me haſt.
16 For dogs have compaſs'd me about:
the wicked that did meet
In their aſſembly, me inclos'd;
they pierc'd my hands and feet.
17 I all my bones may tell: they do
upon me look and ſtare.

18 Upon my veſture lots they caſt,
and cloaths among them ſhare.
19 But be not far, O Lord, my ſtrength;
haſte to give help to me.
20 From ſword my ſoul, from pow'r of dogs
my darling, ſet thou free.

21 Out of the roaring lion's mouth
do thou me ſhield and ſave:
For from the horns of unicorns
an ear to me thou gave.
22 I will ſhew forth thy name unto
thoſe that my brethren are:
Amidſt the congregation
thy praiſe I will declare.

23 Praiſe ye the Lord, who do him fear;
him glorify, all ye
The ſeed of Jacob; fear him, all
that Iſr'el's children be.
24 For he deſpis'd not, nor abhorr'd
th' afflicted's miſery:
Nor from him hid his face, but heard
when he to him did cry.

25 Within the congregation great,
my praiſe ſhall be of thee:
My vows before them that him fear
ſhall be perform'd by me.
26 The meek ſhall eat, and ſhall be fill'd;
they alſo praiſe ſhall give
Unto the Lord, that do him ſeek;
your heart ſhall ever live.

27 All ends of th' earth remember ſhall,
and turn the Lord unto:
And all kindreds of the nations
to him ſhall homage do:
28 Becauſe the kingdom to the Lord
doth appertain, as his:

Likewise among the nations
the governor he is.

29 Earth's fat ones eat, and worship shall:
all who to dust descend,
Shall bow to him: none of them can
his soul from death defend.

30 A seed shall service do to him;
unto the Lord it shall
Be for a generation
reck'ned in ages all.

31 They shall come, and they shall declare
his truth and righteousness
Unto a people yet unborn,
and that he hath done this.

PSALM XXIII.

A Psalm of David.

Here is the children's Psalm, and which is, in very deed, a noted Song, of all the children of God. Behold (1) New-covenant relation to God, as a full and everlasting security against hurtful wants, ver. 1. (2) Pleasant experience of God's acting up to his new-covenant character in disposing of, directing, assisting, and feasting, and comforting his people, ver. 2, 3, 5. (3) Well-grounded hopes of God's careful and seasonable supplies; and of his comfortable presence and help, amidst distress and death; and of the perpetual and everlasting manifestation of his mercy and grace to us-ward; and of our endless nearness to, and immediate enjoyment of him, ver. 1. 4, 5, 6. ——¶ While I sing, let me think as before God, whether I have the experimental knowledge of all these things. Let my soul be as a daughter of the horse-leech, crying mightily GIVE, GIVE what is good. And let me in all these forms, taste and see that God is good.

THE Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
2 He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
3 My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteouſneſs,
ev'n for his own name's ſake.

4 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and ſtaff me comfort ſtill.

5 My table thou haſt furniſhed,
in preſence of my foes;
My head thou doſt with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

6 Goodneſs and mercy all my life
ſhall ſurely follow me:
And in God's houſe for evermore
my dwelling-place ſhall be.

PSALM XXIV.

A Pſalm of David.

Probably this Pſalm was penned for the uſe of the Hebrews, when David brought up the ark of God to Jeruſalem; or, when Solomon brought it into the temple, 2 Sam. vi. 1 Kings viii. in order to raiſe their hearts above their external ceremonies, to a reception of, and walking in Chriſt, who was thereby prefigured. Obſerve (1) Chriſt's kingdom of nature, comprehending the whole world and all the inhabitants thereof, ver. 1, 2. (2) His kingdom of grace, in the nature of it; the gracious character of its ſubjects; and their charter to their everlaſting happineſs above, ver. 3—6. (3) Under the figure of a call to admit the ark, we have a ſolemn ſummons iſſued forth by God, for the heavens to receive Jeſus our glorious and almighty King, into their bliſsful abodes in his aſcenſion: And for us, to receive him into our hearts and ſocieties below, ver. 7—10.——¶ While I ſing, let me be affected, with the double claim, the Redeemer hath on me, as his creature, and as his ranſomed one. Let me try, whether I poſſeſs the diſtinguiſhing characters of a real ſaint: And whether I have received an abundance of the gift of righteouſneſs, and of bleſſedneſs, from the God of my ſalvation. Let me charge, let me rouſe up all my inward powers, to receive Jeſus Chriſt
ord, as made of God, unto me, wiſdom, and righteouſneſs,
ſtification, and redemption.

THE earth belongs unto the Lord,
and all that it contains;
The world that is inhabited,
and all that there remains.

2 For the foundations thereof
he on the seas did lay,
And he hath it established
upon the floods to stay.

3 Who is the man that shall ascend
into the hill of God?
Or who within his holy place
shall have a firm abode?

4 Whose hands are clean, whose heart is pure,
and unto vanity
Who hath not lifted up his soul,
nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He from th' Eternal shall receive,
the blessing him upon:
And righteousness, ev'n from the God
of his salvation.

6 This is the generation,
that after him enquire,
O Jacob, who do seek thy face
with their whole heart's desire.

7 Ye gates, lift up your heads on high,
ye doors that last for ay,
Be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.

8 But who of glory is the King?
the mighty Lord is this,
Ev'n that same Lord that great in might,
and strong in battle is.

9 Ye gates, lift up your heads, ye doors,
doors that do last for ay,
Be lifted up that so the King
of glory enter may.

10 But who is he that is the King
of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he
the King of glory is.

PSALM XXV.

A Psalm of David.

In singing this Psalm, let me observe (1) What serious work prayer is, What lifting up of soul;—what directing of eyes to God, and fixing them on him, must be in it, ver. 1,—13. (2) What mercies ought to be prayed for, pardon of sin, ver. 6, 7,—18—direction in duty, ver. 4, 5.—familiar intimacy with God, ver. 16—deliverance from trouble, ver. 17, 18.—preservation from adversaries, ver. 20, 21. And, in fine, safety and deliverance to the Church ver. 22. (3) What pleas are proper to be used in prayer;—as the trust we have reposed in God, ver. 2, 3. 5,—20, 21.—Our own divinely affected sincerity in the Lord's way, ver. 21.—Our distress, and the malice of our enemies, ver. 2. 16,—19.—But chiefly the mercy that is in God, and the glory which redounds to his name from his bestowing of new-covenant favours, ver. 6, 7,—11—(4) Strong encouragements to prayer, taken from the perfections of God's nature; and from his promises of instruction and direction; and from the fulness and grace of his Covenant; and from his delight in allowing men familiar intimacy and fellowship with himself, ver. 8,—14—¶ Let these things, my soul, be the object of thy strictest care and attention, in all thy addresses to God.

TO thee I lift my soul.
2 O Lord, I trust in thee:
My God, let me not be asham'd,
nor foes triumph o'er me.
3 Let none that wait on thee,
be put to shame at all;
But those that without cause transgress,
let shame upon them fall.

4 Shew me thy ways, O Lord;
thy paths, O teach thou me:
5 And do thou lead me in thy truth,
therein my teacher be:

For thou art God that doſt
to me ſalvation ſend,
And I upon thee all the day
expecting, do attend.

6 Thy tender mercies, Lord,
I pray thee to remember,
And loving-kindneſſes: for they
have been of old for ever.
7 My ſins and faults of youth
do thou, O Lord, forget;
After thy mercy think on me,
and for thy goodneſs great.

8 God good and upright is ::
the way he'll ſinners ſhow.
9 The meek in judgment he will guide,
and make his path to know.
10 The whole paths of the Lord
are truth and mercy ſure,
To thoſe that do his cov'nant keep,
and teſtimonies pure.

11 Now for thine own name's ſake,
O Lord, I thee intreat
To pardon mine iniquity;
for it is very great.
12 What man is he that fears
the Lord, and doth him ſerve?
Him ſhall he teach the way that he
ſhall chooſe and ſtill obſerve.

13 His ſoul ſhall dwell at eaſe,
and his poſterity
Shall flouriſh ſtill, and of the earth
inheritors ſhall be.
14 With thoſe that fear him is
the ſecret of the Lord:
The knowledge of his covenant
he will to them afford.

15 Mine eyes upon the Lord
continually are set:
For he it is that shall bring forth
my feet out of the net.
16 Turn unto me thy face,
and to me mercy show:
Because that I am desolate,
and am brought very low.
17 My heart's griefs are increas'd,
me from distress relieve.
18 See mine affliction, and my pain,
and all my sins forgive.
19 Consider thou my foes,
because they many are,
And it a cruel hatred is
which they against me bear.
20 O do thou keep my soul,
do thou deliver me:
And let me never be asham'd,
because I trust in thee.
21 Let uprightness and truth
keep me, who thee attend.
22 Redemption, Lord, to Israel
from all his troubles send.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

TO thee I lift my soul, O Lord:
2 My God, I trust in thee:
Let me not be asham'd; let not
my foes triumph o'er me.
3 Yea, let thou none ashamed be
that do on thee attend;
Ashamed let them be, O Lord,
who without cause offend.
4 Thy ways, Lord, shew; teach me thy paths.
5 Lead me in truth, teach me:

For of my safety thou art God,
all day I wait on thee.
6 Thy mercies that most tender are,
do thou, O Lord, remember,
And loving-kindnesses: for they
have been of old for ever.

7 Let not the errors of my youth,
nor sins rememb'red be:
In mercy, for thy goodness' sake,
O Lord, remember me.
8 The Lord is good and gracious,
he upright is also:
He therefore sinners will instruct
in ways that they should go.

9 The meek and lowly he will guide
in judgment just alway:
To meek and poor afflicted ones
he'll clearly teach his way.
10 The whole paths of the Lord our God,
are truth and mercy sure,
To such as keep his covenant,
and testimonies pure.

11 Now for thine own name's sake, O Lord,
I humbly thee intreat
To pardon mine iniquity:
for it is very great.
12 What man fears God? him shall he teach
the way that he shall choose.
13 His soul shall dwell at ease, his seed
the earth, as heirs, shall use.

14 The secret of the Lord is with
such as do fear his name,
And he his holy covenant
will manifest to them.
15 Towards the Lord my waiting eyes
continually are set.

For he it is that ſhall bring forth
my feet out of the net.

16 O turn thee unto me, O God,
have mercy me upon:
Becauſe I ſolitary am,
and in affliction.

17 Enlarg'd the griefs are of mine heart:
me from diſtreſs relieve,

18 See mine affliction and my pain,
and all my ſins forgive.

19 Conſider thou mine enemies,
becauſe they many are,
And it a cruel hatred is,
which they againſt me bear.

20 O do thou keep my ſoul, O God,
do thou deliver me:
Let me not be aſham'd; for I
do put my truſt in thee.

21 O let integrity and truth
keep me, who thee attend.

22 Redemption, Lord, to Iſrael
from all his troubles ſend.

PSALM XXVI.

A Pſalm of David.

Here (1) David ſolemnly appeals to God, concerning his integrity; his conſtant regard to him and his grace; his regular attendance upon inſtituted ordinances; and his fixed averſion to ſin and ſinners, ver. 1,—8. (2) He deprecates from himſelf, the condemnation of the wicked, and his being ſhut up in ſociety with them, ver. 9, 10. (3) Depending on the mercy of God, he reſolves to hold faſt his integrity, and maintain his confident hopes of eternal life, ver. 11, 12. ——¶ While I ſing, let the perfect God-man come into my mind. Let me waſh myſelf in his blood, and ſo compaſs God's altar with ſongs of praiſe for his favours. Making Jeſus' example my pattern; let his ordinances be my pleaſure, and his people my ſole intimates, familiars on earth.

JUdge me, O Lord, for I have walk'd
in mine integrity:
I trusted also in the Lord;
slide therefore shall not I.
2 Examine me, and do me prove;
try heart and reins, O God.
3 For thy love is before mine eyes,
thy truth's paths I have trode.
4 With persons vain I have not sat,
nor with dissemblers gone.
5 Th' assembly of ill men I hate:
to sit with such I shun.
6 Mine hands in innocence, O Lord,
I'll wash and purify:
So to thine holy altar go,
and compass it will I.
7 That I, with voice of thanksgiving,
may publish and declare,
And tell of all thy mighty works,
that great and wond'rous are.
8 The habitation of thy house,
Lord, I have loved well;
Yea, in that place I do delight,
where doth thine honour dwell.
9 With sinners gather not my soul,
and such as blood would spill:
10 Whose hands mischievous plots, right-hand
corrupting bribes do fill.
11 But as for me, I will walk on
in mine integrity:
Do thou redeem me, and, O Lord,
be merciful to me.
12 My foot upon an even place
doth stand with stedfastness:
Within the congregations
th' Eternal I will bless.

A Pſalm of David.

For thy inſtruction, my ſoul, behold here, (1) The holy courage and undaunted bravery of true faith, amidſt manifold dangers and enemies, ver. 1,—3. (2) What earneſtneſs there ought to be; and what pleaſure, profit and honour, there are, in the ſtudy of familiar fellowſhip with God, ver. 4,—6.——(3) Fervent deſires, with ſtrong cries and ſupplications, for the gracious favour, ſpiritual preſence, and ſaving direction, and protection of God, ver. 7,—12. (4) Strong and encouraging expectations of help, favour and ſtrength from God, ver. 10, 13, 14.——¶ While I ſing, let my ſoul enter into the very marrow of theſe matters. Let God himſelf be relied on, as my truſt, my Saviour, and MY ALL IN ALL. Let my heart burn with ſuperlative deſires after the knowledge and enjoyment of Him. Let nothing leſs than the moſt familiar communion with Him here, and the full enjoyment of Him hereafter, ſatisfy my longings. Let me readily embrace every invitation: ſeek his face. Amidſt enemies and diſtreſſes unnumbered, let me always believe in, wait for, and boaſt of God my only Lord!

1 THE Lord's my light and ſaving health,
who ſhall make me diſmay'd?
My life's ſtrength is the Lord, of whom
then ſhall I be afraid?

2 When as mine enemies and foes,
moſt wicked perſons all,
To eat my fleſh againſt me roſe,
they ſtumbled and did fall.

3 Againſt me though an hoſt encamp,
my heart yet fearleſs is:
Though war againſt me riſe, I will
be confident in this.

4 One thing I of the Lord deſir'd,
and will ſeek to obtain,
That all days of my life I may,
within God's houſe remain,

That I the beauty of the Lord
behold may and admire,
And that I in his holy place
may rev'rently enquire.

5 For he in his pavilion ſhall
me hide in evil days:
In ſecret of his tent me hide,
and on a rock me raiſe.

6 And now, ev'n at this preſent time,
mine head ſhall lifted be
Above all thoſe that are my foes,
and round encompaſs me.
Therefore unto his tabernacle
I'll ſacrifices bring
Of joyfulneſs, I'll ſing, yea, I
to God will praiſes ſing.

7 O Lord, give ear unto my voice,
when I do cry to thee:
Upon me alſo mercy have,
and do thou anſwer me.

8 When thou didſt ſay, Seek ye my face,
then unto thee reply
Thus did my heart, Above all things
thy face, Lord, ſeek will I.

9 Far from me hide not thou thy face,
put not away from thee
Thy ſervant in thy wrath: thou haſt
an helper been to me.
O God of my ſalvation,
leave me not, nor forſake.

10 Though me my parents both ſhould leave,
the Lord will me up take.

11 O Lord, inſtruct me in the way,
to me a leader be
In a plain path, becauſe of thoſe
that hatred bear to me.

12 Give me not to mine en'mies will;
for witneſſes that lie,
Againſt me riſen are, and ſuch
as breathe out cruelty.

13 I fainted had, unleſs that I
believed had to ſee
The Lord's own goodneſs in the land
of them that living be.
14 Wait on the Lord, and be thou ſtrong,
and he ſhall ſtrength afford
Unto thine heart, yea, do thou wait,
I ſay, upon the Lord.

PSALM XXVIII.

A Pſalm of David.

Obſerve here (1) David amidſt great diſtreſs, earneſtly ſupplicating deliverance from his God, ver. 1,—3. (2) His implacable enemies doomed to the juſt puniſhment of their ſin, ver. 4, 5. (3) Himſelf triumphing in God, as the hearer of his prayers, and as his protector, help and ſtrength, ver. 6,—8. (4) His ſolemn ſupplication for ſalvation and bleſſedneſs;—for nourithment, honour, and ſafety, to the people of God, ver. 9.——¶ While I remember Jeſus of Nazareth, whoſe cries in trouble were ſo vehement; whoſe implacable enemies incur ſuch fearful miſery; and who being exalted to the right hand of God, and made full of joy with his countenance, maketh continual interceſſion for his choſen race; let my ſoul lift up her voice to God for rich and everlaſting bleſſings, to myſelf and to his church.

TO thee I'll cry, O Lord, my rock,
hold not thy peace to me:
Leſt, like thoſe that to pit deſcend,
I by thy ſilence be.
2 The voice hear of my humble pray'rs,
when unto thee I cry:
When to thy holy oracle
I lift mine hands on high.
3 With ill men draw me not away,
that work iniquity;
That ſpeak peace to their friends, while in
their hearts doth miſchief lie.
4 Give them according to their deeds,
and ills endeavoured:

And as their handy-works deſerve,
to them be rendered.

7 The Lord's my ſtrength and ſhield, my heart
upon him did rely,
And I am helped; hence my heart
doth joy exceedingly:
And with my ſong I will him praiſe.

8 Their ſtrength is God alone:
He alſo is the ſaving ſtrength
of his anointed One.

9 O thine own people do thou ſave,
bleſs thine inheritance:
Them alſo do thou feed, and them
for evermore advance.

PSALM XXIX.

A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm was probably compoſed on the occaſion of a thunder-ſtorm. It is a ſolemn charge from heaven to great men to worſhip and glorify God; who (1) in his magnificence and power thundereth in the moſt terrible, alarming, and deſtructive manner, ver. 1——9. (2) Who is ſupreme Governor of the world, and beſtoweth ſtrength and peace on his peculiar people, ver. 10, 11.——¶ While I ſing, let me, by faith, behold the glory of God in Chriſt, and be filled with reverential awe of his power and grace. And while I adore his perfections, admire and praiſe his excellencies, Let Jeruſalem come into my mind: And let me apprehend the promiſe, and pour forth a prayer, for the remnant which is left.

GIVE ye unto the Lord, ye ſons
that of the mighty be,
All ſtrength and glory to the Lord,
with cheerfulneſs give ye.

2 Unto the Lord the glory give
that to his name is due;
And in the beauty of holineſs
unto JEHOVAH bow.

3 The Lord's voice on the waters is:
the God of majeſty

Doth thunder, and on multitudes
of waters ſitteth he.
4 A pow'rful voice it is that comes
out from the Lord moſt high:
The voice of that great Lord is full
of glorious majeſty.
5 The voice of the Eternal doth
aſunder cedars tear:
Yea, God the Lord doth cedars break
that Lebanon doth bear.
6 He makes them like a calf to ſkip:
ev'n that great Lebanon,
And like to a young unicorn
the mountain Sirion.
7 God's voice divides the flames of fire:
8 The deſert it doth ſhake:
The Lord doth make the wilderneſs
of Kadeſh all to quake.
9 God's voice doth make the hinds to calve;
it makes the foreſts bare:
And in his temple ev'ry one
his glory doth declare.
10 The Lord ſits on the floods: the Lord
ſits King, and ever ſhall.
11 The Lord will give his people ſtrength,
and with peace bleſs them all.

PSALM XXX.

A Pſalm and Song at the dedication of the houſe of David.

In this Pſalm, compoſed for the dedication of the new palace, which David had built for himſelf at Jeruſalem, 2 Sam. v. 11; or for the dedication of it, after it had been polluted by Abſalom, 2 Sam. xvi. He (1) Offers thankſgiving to God, for the anſwering of his prayers;—the overthrowing of his enemies;—and the preſerving of his life, ver. 1,—3. 11, 12. (2) He calls and chargeth others, to praiſe the Lord on account of the purity of his nature, the ſhort duration of his frowns, and the ſweetneſs of his favours, ver. 4, 5. (3) He remarks, how his carneſecurity under proſperity had occaſioned his ſudden fall into

divine hidings and frowns, ver. 6, 7. (4) He recollects what supplications he had made to God, in his former distress, ver. 8,—10. (5) He triumphs in the kindness of God towards him; and resolves to praise and thank him for evermore on account of it, ver. 11,12. ——¶ While I sing, let me, with a grateful heart, remember the Lord's mercies. Let me remember my own follies, and how the Lord corrected me for them. Let me look after my prayers, and wait for an answer. And the nearer my end draweth, let my heart and mouth be the more abundantly filled with the high praises of my God, and my Saviour.

LORD, I will thee extol, for thou
hast lifted me on high,
And over me thou to rejoice
mad'st not mine enemy.

2 O thou who art the Lord my God,
I in distress to thee
With loud cries lifted up my voice,
and thou hast healed me.

3 O Lord, my soul thou hast brought up,
and rescu'd from the grave:
That I to pit should not go down,
alive thou didst me save.

4 O ye that are his holy ones,
sing praise unto the Lord:
And give unto him thanks, when ye
his holiness record.

5 For but a moment lasts his wrath;
life in his favour lies:
Weeping may for a night endure,
at morn doth joy arise.

6 In my prosperity, I said,
that nothing shall me move.

7 O Lord, thou hast my mountain made
to stand strong by thy love:
But when that thou, O gracious God,
didst hide thy face from me,
Then quickly was my prosp'rous state
turn'd into misery.

8 Wherefore unto the Lord my cry
I caused to ascend:
My humble supplication
I to the Lord did send.

9 What profit is there in my blood,
when I go down to pit?
Shall unto thee the dust give praise?
thy truth declare shall it?

10 Hear, Lord, have mercy, help me, Lord.

11 Thou turned hast my sadness
To dancing; yea, my sackcloth loos'd,
and girded me with gladness:

12 That sing thy praise my glory may,
and never silent be;
O Lord my God, for evermore
I will give thanks to thee.

PSALM XXXI.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Observe here (1) David's solemn professions of his dependence upon God; and his prayers for support and deliverance, ver. 1,—8. (2) His sad complaints of inward grief, bodily weakness, unkindness of friends, unjust censures of enemies; and horror of death,—attended with a solemn commitment of himself to God's mercy and care, and earnest supplication for deliverance from enemies, ver. 9,—18. (3) Amidst admiration of God's kindness to his people, and thanksgiving for favours to himself, he encourageth himself and others, firmly to trust in God, ver. 19,—24.——¶ While I sing, let me, be deeply affected with my sores, my maladies, and troubles: And cast all my burdens on the Lord. In the assured faith, that He is God even my God, Let me admire his gracious thoughts, words, and deeds to me-ward; and commit myself wholly to his care and protection.

IN thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
sham'd let me never be:
According to thy righteousness,
do thou deliver me.

2 Bow down thine ear to me with speed,
send me deliverance:

To save me, my strong rock be thou,
and my house of defence.

3 Because thou art my rock, and thee
I for my fortress take:
Therefore do thou me lead and guide,
ev'n for thine own name's sake.

4 And sith thou art my strength, therefore
pull me out of the net,
Which they in subtilty for me
so privily have set.

5 Into thine hands I do commit
my sp'rit: for thou art he,
O thou JEHOVAH, God of truth,
that hast redeemed me.

6 Those that do lying vanities
regard, I have abhorr'd:
But as for me, my confidence
is fixed on the Lord.

7 I'll in thy mercy gladly joy:
for thou my miseries
Consider'd hast; thou hast my soul
known in adversities.

8 And thou hast not inclosed me
within the en'my's hand;
And by thee have my feet been made
in a large room to stand.

9 O Lord, upon me mercy have,
for trouble is on me;
Mine eye, my belly, and my soul
with grief consumed be.

10 Because my life with grief is spent,
my years with sighs and groans:
My strength doth fail; and for my sin
consumed are my bones.

11 I was a scorn to all my foes,
and to my friends a fear;

And ſpecially reproach'd of thoſe
that were my neighbours near:
When they me ſaw, they from me fled.
12 Ev'n ſo I am forgot,
As men are out of mind when dead:
I'm like a broken pot.
13 For ſlanders I of many heard,
fear compaſs'd me, while they
Againſt me did conſult and plot,
to take my life away.
14 But as for me, O Lord, my truſt
upon thee I did lay:
And I to thee, Thou art my God,
did confidently ſay.
15 My times are wholly in thine hand:
do thou deliver me
From their hands, that mine enemies
and perſecutors be.
16 Thy countenance to ſhine do thou
upon thy ſervant make:
Unto me give ſalvation,
for thy great mercy's ſake.
17 Let me not be aſham'd, O Lord,
for on thee call'd I have:
Let wicked men be ſham'd, let them
be ſilent in the grave.
18 To ſilence put the lying lips,
that grievous things do ſay,
And hard reports, in pride and ſcorn,
on righteous men do lay.
19 How great's the goodneſs thou for them
that fear thee keep'ſt in ſtore,
And wrought'ſt for them that truſt in thee
the ſons of men before!
20 In ſecret of thy preſence, thou
ſhalt hide them from man's pride:

From strife of tongues thou closely shalt,
as in a tent, them hide.

21 All praise and thanks be to the Lord:
for he hath magnify'd
His wond'rous love to me, within
a city fortify'd.

22 For from thine eyes cut off I am,
(I in my haste had said),
My voice yet heard'st thou, when to thee
with cries, my moan I made.

23 O love the Lord, all ye his saints:
because the Lord doth guard
The faithful, and he plenteously
proud doers doth reward.

24 Be of good courage, and he strength
unto your heart shall send,
All ye whose hope and confidence
doth on the Lord depend.

PSALM. XXXII.

A Psalm of David, Maschil.

Perhaps this Psalm was composed for the great day of the national atonement, on the tenth day of the seventh month Lev. xvi. In it, Observe. (1) The exceeding riches of the grace of God manifested in blessing men with forgiveness of sin and with protection amidst dangers, and direction in duty ver. 1, 2. 7, 8. (2) The indispensible duty of them who desire new-covenant blessings,—viz. to acknowledge their offence to God;—to implore his favours, which they need; to walk humbly and circumspectly before him, and to rejoice in him as God and their God, ver. 5,—6. 9,—11.—¶. While I am truly conscious of my sinfulness, and deeply affected therewith let the faith and experience of Jesus' full pardon of my sins and of the communications of his grace, melt my heart, and animate me to every commanded duty.

O Blessed is the man, to whom
is freely pardoned
All the transgressions he hath done,
whose sin is covered.

2 Bleſt is the man, to whom the Lord
imputeth not his ſin;
And in whoſe ſp'rit there is no guile,
nor fraud is found therein.

3 When as I did refrain my ſpeech,
and ſilent was my tongue;
My bones then waxed old, becauſe
I ro'red all day long.

4 For upon me, both day and night,
thine hand did heavy ly;
So that my moiſture turned is
in ſummer's drought thereby.

5 I thereupon have unto thee
my ſin acknowledged;
And likewiſe mine iniquity
I have not covered:
I will confeſs unto the Lord
my treſpaſſes, ſaid I;
And of my ſin thou freely didſt
forgive th' iniquity.

6 For this ſhall ev'ry godly one
his prayer make to thee,
In ſuch a time he ſhall thee ſeek,
as found thou mayeſt be.
Surely, when floods of waters great
do ſwell up to the brim,
They ſhall not overwhelm his ſoul,
nor once come near to him.

7 Thou art my hiding-place, thou ſhalt
from trouble keep me free:
Thou, with ſongs of deliverance,
about ſhalt compaſs me.

8 I will inſtruct thee, and thee teach
the way that thou ſhalt go:
And, with mine eye upon thee ſet,
I will direction ſhow.

9 Then be not like the horſe or mule,
which do not underſtand;
Whoſe mouth, leſt they come near to thee,
a bridle muſt command.

10 Unto the man that wicked is
his ſorrows ſhall abound;
But him that truſteth in the Lord,
mercy ſhall compaſs round.

11 Ye right'ous in the Lord be glad,
in him do ye rejoice:
All ye that upright are in heart,
for joy lift up your voice.

PSALM XXXIII.

Contains a ſweet, but ſolemn ſummons to praiſe the Lord, (1) For his juſtice, goodneſs, and truth, manifeſted in his words and works, ver. 1,—5. (2) For his power manifeſted in the work of creation, and in his ſovereign dominion over the world, ver. 6,—11. 13,—17. (3) For his ſpecial and new-covenant relations, and merciful kindneſs towards his choſen people, ver. 12. 18,—22.——¶ While I ſing, let me obſerve, let me admire, and be deeply affected with, the bleſſings of Creation, Providence, and Redemption. And, chiefly, let me remember, let me behold, let me glow with ardent deſire after him, whoſe bones the Lord ſo kept, that not one of them was broken.

YE right'ous in the Lord rejoice,
it comely is, and right:
That upright men, with thankful voice,
ſhould praiſe the Lord of might.

2 Praiſe God with harp; and unto him
ſing with the pſaltery,
Upon a ten-ſtring'd inſtrument
make ye ſweet melody.

3 A new ſong to him ſing, and play
with loud noiſe ſkilfully:

4 For right is God's word; all his works,
are done in verity.

5 To judgment and to right'ouſneſs
a love he beareth ſtill:

The loving-kindneſs of the Lord
the earth throughout doth fill.

6 The heavens, by the word of God
did their beginning take;
And, by the breathing of his mouth,
he all their hoſts did make.

7 The waters of the ſeas he brings
together as an heap:
And, in ſtore-houſes, as it were,
he layeth up the deep.

8 Let earth, and all that live therein,
with rev'rence fear the Lord:
Let all the world's inhabitants
dread him with one accord.

9 For he did ſpeak the word, and done
it was without delay;
Eſtabliſhed it firmly ſtood,
whatever he did ſay.

10 God doth the counſel bring to nought
which heathen folk do take;
And what the people do deviſe
of none effect doth make.

11 O! but the counſel of the Lord
doth ſtand for ever ſure;
And of his heart the purpoſes
from age to age endure.

12 That nation bleſſed is, whoſe God
JEHOVAH is, and thoſe
A bleſſed people are, whom for
his heritage he choſe.

13 The Lord from heav'n ſees and beholds
all ſons of men full well.

14 He views all, from his dwelling-place,
that on the earth do dwell.

15 He forms their hearts alike, and all
their doings he obſerves.

16 Great hosts save not a king, much strength
no mighty man preserves.
17 An horse for preservation
is a deceitful thing:
And, by the greatness of his strength,
can no deliverance bring.

18 Behold, on those that do him fear
the Lord doth set his eye;
Ev'n those who on his mercy do
with confidence rely.
19 From death to free their soul, in dearth
life unto them to yield.
20 Our soul doth wait upon the Lord,
he is our help and shield.

21 Sith in his holy name we trust,
our heart shall joyful be.
22 Lord, let thy mercy be on us,
as we do hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

A Psalm of David, *when he changed his behaviour before* Abimelech, *who drove him away, and he departed.*

This Psalm was composed by David when Achish or Abimelech, king of Gath, drove him from his court, as an ideot or madman, 1 Sam. xxi 10,—25. Here are (1) David's high praises to God, for the favours himself and others had received, ver. 1,—6. (2) His warm invitations and strong encouragements to others, to seek after and fear the Lord, and to trust in him for all necessary supplies, in time, or in eternity, ver. 7,—10. (3) Familiar advices to children and others, to eschew every thing sinful, and make conscience of known duty, both towards God and men, as a means of present and future happiness, ver. 11,—14. (4) A representation of the misery of the wicked, in having God against them, as an avenging enemy; and in having ruin before them, as the just reward of their sins—and of the happiness of the godly, in having God near to them in every case; ready to hear their requests, and to protect them amidst dangers, and to deliver them from enemies and trouble, ver. 15,—22 —— ¶ While I sing, let my her-

he warmed with my ſubject. Come, my ſoul, and walk in this light, in theſe joys of the Lord. Come, taſte and ſee that he is good. Extol his kindneſs, and truſt him in all things, and on every occaſion.

GOD will I bleſs all times, his praiſe
my mouth ſhall ſtill expreſs.
2 My ſoul ſhall boaſt in God: the meek
ſhall hear with joyfulneſs.
3 Extol the Lord with me, let us
exalt his name together.
4 I ſought the Lord, he heard and did
me from all fears deliver.

5 They look'd to him, and lightned were:
not ſhamed were their faces.
6 This poor man cry'd, God heard, and ſav'd
him from all his diſtreſſes.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps,
and round encompaſſeth
All thoſe about that do him fear,
and them delivereth.

8 O taſte and ſee that God is good:
who truſts in him is bleſt.
9 Fear God his ſaints; none that him fear
ſhall be with want oppreſt.
10 The lions young may hungry be,
and they may lack their food;
But they that truly ſeek the Lord,
ſhall not lack any good.

11 O children, hither do ye come,
and unto me give ear;
I ſhall you teach to underſtand
how ye the Lord ſhould fear.
12 What man is he that life deſires,
to ſee good would live long?
13 Thy lips refrain from ſpeaking guile,
and from ill words thy tongue.

14 Depart from ill, do good, ſeek peace,
purſue it earneſtly.
15 God's eyes are on the juſt: his ears
are open to their cry.
16 The face of God is ſet againſt
thoſe that do wickedly;
That he may quite out from the earth
cut off their memory.

17 The right'ous cry unto the Lord,
he unto them gives ear:
And they out of their troubles all
by him deliv'red are.
18 The Lord is ever nigh to them
that be of broken ſp'rit:
To them he ſafety doth afford,
that are in heart contrite.

19 The troubles that afflict the juſt,
in number many be:
But yet at length out of them all,
the Lord doth ſet him free.
20 He carefully his bones doth keep,
whatever can befal:
That not ſo much as one of them
can broken be at all.

21 Ill ſhall the wicked ſlay; laid waſte
ſhall be who hate the juſt,
22 The Lord redeems his ſervants' ſouls,
none periſh that him truſt.

PSALM XXXV.

A Pſalm of David.

In this Pſalm (1) David complains of the cruelty of his enemies, in ſtriving with him,—in perſecuting him,—in ſeeking his ruin,—and in reproaching, contemning, deriding, and triumphing over him, ver. 1. 3. 4. 7. 11. 15, 16. 20, 21. 25, 26. (2) He pleads his own innocency, that he had never given them any provocation; but amidſt their abuſe of him, had

earneſtly and affectionately ſtudied, to promote their welfare, ver. 7. 9. 12, — 14. (3) He ſupplicates, that God would eſpouſe his cauſe; protect, deliver, and comfort, his ſoul; defeat the deſigns, and diſappoint the expectations, of his enemies:—and that he would countenance, and encourage his friends, ver. 1, 2. 4. 17. 22,—27. (4) He predicts the deſtruction of his enemies, and the abounding of his own comfort; and, in the views hereof, reſolves to thank and praiſe the Lord, ver. 4,—10. 18. 28.—¶ While I ſing, let me, with grief and ſhame, call to mind the infernal oppoſition, I and others have made to our all-compaſſionate Redeemer. Let me beware of expoſing myſelf to that vengeance, which is laid up in ſtore, for his incorrigible enemies. Let me never avenge myſelf on my injurious neighbours. But admidſt all attacks from hell or earth, or from my own corrupt heart, let me commit all my concerns to him, who judgeth righteouſly, that he may bring them to paſs.

PLead, Lord, with thoſe that plead, and fight
with thoſe that fight with me.
2 Of ſhield and buckler take thou hold,
ſtand up mine help to be.
3 Draw alſo out the ſpear, and do
againſt them ſtop the way
That me purſue: unto my ſoul,
I'm thy ſalvation, ſay.
4 Let them confounded be, and ſham'd,
that for my ſoul have ſought:
Who plot my hurt, turn'd back be they
and to confuſion brought.
5 Let them be like unto the chaff
that flies before the wind:
And let the angel of the Lord,
purſue them hard behind.
6 With darkneſs cover thou their way,
and let it ſlipp'ry prove,
And let the angel of the Lord,
purſue them from above.
7 For without cauſe have they for me
their net hid in a pit,
They alſo have without a cauſe,
for my ſoul digged it.

8 Let ruin seize him unawares,
his net he hid withal
Himself let catch; and in the same
destruction, let him fall.
9 My soul in God shall joy; and glad
in his salvation be;
10 And all my bones shall say, O Lord,
who is like unto thee,
Which dost the poor set free from him
that is for him too strong;
The poor and needy from the man
that spoils and does him wrong.
11 False witnesses rose; to my charge
things I not knew they laid.
12 They, to the spoiling of my soul,
me ill for good repaid.
13 But as for me, when they were sick,
in sackcloth sad I mourn'd:
My humbled soul did fast, my pray'r
into my bosom turn'd.
14 Myself I did behave, as he
had been my friend or brother;
I heavily bow'd down, as one
that mourneth for his mother.
15 But in my trouble they rejoic'd,
gath'ring themselves together:
Yea, abjects vile together did
themselves against me gather;
I knew it not, they did me tear,
and quiet would not be.
16 With mocking hypocrites, at feasts
they gnash'd their teeth at me.
17 How long, Lord, look'st thou on? from those
destructions they intend
Rescue my soul, from lions young
my darling do defend.

18 I will give thanks to thee, O Lord,
within th' aſſembly great:
And where much people gath'red are,
thy praiſes forth will ſet.

19 Let not my wrongful enemies
proudly rejoice o'er me:
Nor who me hate without a cauſe,
let them wink with the eye.

20 For peace they do not ſpeak at all,
but craſty plots prepare
Againſt all thoſe within the land
that meek and quiet are.

21 With mouths ſet wide, they 'gainſt me ſaid,
Ha, ha, our eye doth ſee.

22 Lord, thou haſt ſeen, hold not thy peace:
Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyſelf; wake, that thou may'ſt
judgment to me afford;
Ev'n to my cauſe, O thou that art
my only God and Lord.

24 O Lord my God, do thou me judge
after thy righteouſneſs;
And let them not their joy 'gainſt me
triumphantly expreſs.

25 Nor let them ſay within their hearts,
Ah, we would have it thus:
Nor ſuffer them to ſay, that he
is ſwallow'd up by us.

26 Sham'd and confounded be they all
that at my hurt are glad:
Let thoſe againſt me that do boaſt,
with ſhame and ſcorn be clad.

27 Let them that love my righteous cauſe,
be glad, ſhout, and not ceaſe
To ſay, The Lord be magnify'd,
who loves his ſervant's peace.

28 Thy righteouſneſs ſhall alſo be
declared by my tongue;
The praiſes that belong to thee,
ſpeak ſhall it all day long.

PSALM XXXVI.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm of David, *the ſervant of the* LORD.

Obſerve here (1) How great is the wickedneſs of men! They naturally contemn God; flatter themſelves in ſin; and abandon themſelves to falſhood and miſchief, ver. 1,—4. (2) How great is the excellency of God, in truth, in righteouſneſs, and in mercy! And what a fountain of preſervation, ſupport, comfort, light, and life, he is to his people! ver. 5,—9. (3) How, from the excellency and goodneſs of God, the Pſalmiſt draws encouragement, to pray for himſelf and other ſaints;—and to triumph in the view of his enemies ruin, ver. 10,—12.—¶ While I ſing, let me review my natural abominations and wretchedneſs, and try, Whether the Lord hath made me a new creature, created in Chriſt Jeſus unto good works; and whether he hath made me taſte of, admire, and truſt in, the exceeding riches of his grace.

THE wicked man's tranſgreſſion,
within my heart thus ſays,
Undoubtedly the fear of God
is not before his eyes.
2 Becauſe himſelf he flattereth
in his own blinded eye:
Until the hatefulneſs be found
of his iniquity.
3 Words from his mouth proceeding are,
fraud and iniquity:
He to be wiſe, and to do good,
hath left off utterly.
4 He miſchief, lying on his bed,
moſt cunningly doth plot;
He ſets himſelf in ways not good,
ill he abhorreth not.

5 Thy mercy, Lord, is in the heav'ns ;
thy truth doth reach the clouds.
6 Thy juſtice is like mountains great ;
thy judgments deep as floods :
Lord, thou preſerveſt man and beaſt.
7 How precious is thy grace !
Therefore in ſhadow of thy wings,
men's ſons their truſt ſhall place.

8 They with the fatneſs of thy houſe
ſhall be well ſatisfy'd,
From rivers of thy pleaſures thou
wilt drink to them provide.
9 Becauſe of life the fountain pure
remains alone with thee :
And in that pureſt light of thine
we clearly light ſhall ſee.

10 Thy loving-kindneſs unto them
continue that thee know ;
And ſtill on men upright in heart
thy right'ouſneſs beſtow.
11 Let not the foot of cruel pride
come and againſt me ſtand ;
And let me not removed be,
Lord, by the wicked's hand.

12 There fall'n are they, and ruined,
that work iniquities :
Caſt down they are, and never ſhall
be able to ariſe.

PSALM XXXVII.

A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm is wholly of the inſtructive kind. As the Moſaic ſyſtem, and the covenant between God and Iſrael, as his peculiar people, promiſed remarkable temporal felicity, to ſuch as were obedient to the law, and denounced temporal miſeries againſt thoſe, that were impious and profane ; the Pſalmiſt here cautions againſt ſtumbling at particular providences,

which might appear contrary to the tenor of that covenant. Here are (1) Plain and expreſs warnings againſt fretfulneſs at the proſperity of the wicked, in their wickedneſs, ver. 1. 7, 8. with the arguments and reaſons enforcing the ſame, viz. that the character of the wicked is ignominious, while that of the righteous is honourable, ver. 12. 14. 21. 26. 30, 31, 32. That the wicked in the very height of their proſperity are near to deſtruction, while the righteous, even in their adverſity, have ſpecial protection from God, and ſhall never be ruined, ver. 2. 9, 10. 13. 15. 17. 20. 28. 33.—40. And that God hath ſpecial bleſſings in ſtore for, and even in this life manifeſts diſtinguiſhed kindneſs to, the righteous and their ſeed; ver. 11. 16. 18, 19. 22,—25. 28, 29. 37. (2) Here are proper and effectual remedies to prevent ſinful fretting at the proſperity of the wicked, or troubles of the godly: viz. Hoping in God as our Saviour; delighting in God as our companion, friend, and portion; following of him as our Guide; departing from evil and doing good; waiting on the Lord, and keeping his way, ver. 3,—6. 27. 34.——¶ Be thou, my ſoul, an accurate obſerver, of the matter and circumſtances of every providence. Carefully compare them, one with another; and all with the perfections, covenant, and promiſes, of God, in order that thou mayeſt never be offended thereat.

FOR evil doers fret thou not
thyſelf unquietly;
Nor do thou envy bear to thoſe
that work iniquity.

2 For, even like unto the graſs,
ſoon be cut down ſhall they,
And, like the green and tender herb,
they wither ſhall away.

3 Set thou thy truſt upon the Lord,
and be thou doing good;
And ſo thou in the land ſhalt dwell,
and verily have food.

4 Delight thyſelf in God, he'll give
thine heart's deſire to thee.

5 Thy way to God commit, him truſt,
it bring to paſs ſhall he.

6 And, like unto the light, he ſhall
thy right'ouſneſs diſplay:

And he thy judgment ſhall bring forth,
like noon-tide of the day.
7 Reſt in the Lord, and patiently
wait for him: do not fret
For him, who proſp'ring in his way,
ſucceſs in ſin doth get.

8 Do thou from anger ceaſe, and wrath
ſee thou forſake alſo:
Fret not thyſelf in any wiſe,
that evil thou ſhould'ſt do.
9 For thoſe that evil-doers are
ſhall be cut off and fall:
But thoſe that wait upon the Lord
the earth inherit ſhall.

10 For yet a little while, and then
the wicked ſhall not be;
His place thou ſhalt conſider well,
but it thou ſhalt not ſee.
11 But by inheritance, the earth
the meek ones ſhall poſſeſs:
They alſo ſhall delight themſelves
in an abundant peace.

12 The wicked plots againſt the juſt,
and at him whets his teeth.
13 The Lord ſhall laugh at him, becauſe
his day he coming ſeeth.
14 The wicked have drawn out the ſword,
and bent their bow, to ſlay
The poor and needy, and to kill
men of an upright way.

15 But their own ſword, which they have drawn,
ſhall enter their own heart:
Their bows which they have bent ſhall break,
and into pieces part.
16 A little that a juſt man hath
is more, and better far,

Than is the wealth of many ſuch
as lewd and wicked are.

17 For ſinners arms ſhall broken be;
but God the juſt ſuſtains.

18 God knows the juſt man's days, and ſtill
their heritage remains.

19 They ſhall not be aſham'd, when they
the evil time do ſee;
And when the days of famine are,
they ſatisfy'd ſhall be.

20 But wicked men, and foes of God,
as fat of lambs decay,
They ſhall conſume; yea, into ſmoke
they ſhall conſume away.

21 The wicked borrows, but the ſame
again he doth not pay;
Whereas the right'ous mercy ſhows,
and gives his own away.

22 For ſuch as bleſſed be of him
the earth inherit ſhall;
And they that curſed are of him
ſhall be deſtroyed all.

23 A good man's footſteps by the Lord
are ordered aright:
And in the way wherein he walks,
he greatly doth delight.

24 Although he fall, yet ſhall he not
be caſt down utterly;
Becauſe the Lord with his own hand
upholds him mightily.

25 I have been young, and now am old;
yet have I never ſeen
The juſt man left, nor that his ſeed
for bread have beggars been.

26 He's ever merciful, and lends;
his ſeed is bleſt therefore.

27 Depart from evil, and do good,
and dwell for evermore.
28 For God loves judgment, and his saints
leaves not in any caſe;
They are kept ever: but cut off
ſhall be the ſinner's race.

29 The juſt inherit ſhall the land,
and ever in it dwell.
30 The juſt man's mouth doth wiſdom ſpeak:
his tongue doth judgment tell.
31 In's heart the law is of his God,
his ſteps ſlide not away.
32 The wicked man doth watch the juſt,
and ſeeketh him to ſlay:

33 Yet him the Lord will not forſake,
nor leave him in his hands:
The right'ous will he not condemn,
when he in judgment ſtands.
34 Wait on the Lord, and keep his way,
and thee exalt ſhall he
Th' earth to inherit, when cut off
the wicked thou ſhalt ſee.

35 I ſaw the wicked great in pow'r,
ſpread like a green bay-tree.
36 He paſs'd, yea, was not: him I ſought,
but found he could not be.
37 Mark thou the perfect and behold
the man of uprightneſs:
Becauſe that ſurely of this man
the latter end is peace.

38 But thoſe men that tranſgreſſors are,
ſhall be deſtroy'd together,
The latter end of wicked men
ſhall be cut off for ever.
39 But the ſalvation of the juſt
is from the Lord above;

He in the time of their distress,
[redacted]ir stay and strength doth prove.

40 The [redacted]d shall help, and them deliver;
he sh[redacted]hem free and save
From [redacted] men, because in him
their confidence they have.

PSALM XXXVIII.

A Psalm of David, *to bring in remembrance.*

This Psalm appears to have been penned by David, under some remarkable distress, attended with a deep sense of sin, as the procuring cause of it. Here are (1) David's sorrowful complaints of God's sore displeasure; and of the weight of his own sins, ver. 1,—5.; of the sickness of his body, and distress of his mind, ver. 6,—10.; of the unkindness of his friends, ver. 11. and of the unprovoked injuries, he received from his enemies, who were spiteful, cruel, subtile, unjust, ungrateful, impious, devilish, numerous, and powerful, ver. 12,—20. (2) His remarkable patience and resignation, under his troubles, ver. 13,—15. (3) His fervent supplications to God, for the mitigation of his troubles, ver. 1.; and for comfort and support under, and speedy deliverance from them, ver. 16. 21, 22.; attended with candid and ingenious acknowledgments of the sinful causes thereof, ver. 3, 4, 5, 18.——¶ In all my troubles, let me search out, and by faith confess and mourn over the sinful causes of them: Let me take every distress out of God's hand; and call on him in the time thereof, that he may deliver me.

IN thy great indignation,
O Lord, rebuke me not,
Nor on me lay thy chast'ning hand,
in thy displeasure hot.

2 For in me fast thine arrows stick,
thine hand doth press me sore.

3 And in my flesh there is no health,
nor soundness any more.

This grief I have, because thy wrath
is forth against me gone;
And in my bones there is no rest,
for sin that I have done.

4 Becauſe gone up above mine head
my great tranſgreſſions be;
And, as a weighty burden, they
too heavy are for me.

5 My wounds do ſtink, and are corrupt:
my folly makes it ſo.
6 I troubled am, and much bow'd down;
all day I mourning go.
7 For a diſeaſe that loathſome is,
ſo fills my loins with pain,
That in my weak and weary fleſh
no ſoundneſs doth remain.

8 So feeble and infirm am I,
and broken am ſo ſore;
That, through diſquiet of my heart,
I have been made to roar.
9 O Lord, all that I do deſire,
is ſtill before thine eye:
And of my heart the ſecret groans
not hidden are from thee.

10 My heart doth pant inceſſantly,
my ſtrength doth quite decay:
As for mine eyes, their wonted light
is from me gone away.
11 My lovers and my friends do ſtand
at diſtance from my ſore:
And thoſe do ſtand aloof that were
kinſmen and kind before.

12 Yea, they that ſeek my life, lay ſnares:
who ſeek to do me wrong,
Speak things miſchievous, and deceits
imagine all day long.
13 But, as one deaf, that heareth not,
I ſuffer'd all to paſs:
I as a dumb man did become,
whoſe mouth not op'ned was.

14 As one that hears not, in whoſe mouth
are no reproofs at all.
15 For, Lord, I hope in thee; my God,
thou'lt hear me when I call.
16 For I ſaid, Hear me, leſt they ſhould
rejoice o'er me with pride:
And o'er me magnify themſelves,
when as my foot doth ſlide.
17 For I am near to halt, my grief
is ſtill before mine eye.
18 For I'll declare my ſin; and grieve
for mine iniquity.
19 But yet mine en'mies lively are,
and ſtrong are they beſide;
And they that hate me wrongfully,
are greatly multiply'd.
20 And they for good that render ill,
as en'mies me withſtood:
Yea, ev'n for this, becauſe that I
do follow what is good.
21 Forſake me not, O Lord: my God,
far from me never be.
22 O Lord, thou my ſalvation art,
haſte to give help to me.

PSALM XXXIX.

To the chief Muſician, even to Jeduthun, *A Pſalm of* David.

Here we have (1) Violent ſtruggling in the Pſalmiſt's own breaſt between grace and corruption,—between paſſion and patience, ver. 1,—3. 11. (2) Serious views of human frailty, ſhortneſs of life, and ſelf-emptineſs, ver. 4,—5. (3) Strong cries to God, for pardon of ſin, preſervation from reproach, and for removal of trouble; for hearing and anſwering of prayer; and for lengthening out of life, till further preparation for death ſhould be attained, ver. 7,—13.—¶ While I ſing, let my ſoul bluſh deep, for the untenderneſs and want of circumſpection, in my life; and for my want of reſignation to God's diſpoſing will. Let me be ſuitably affected with the ſhortneſs, vanity, and uncertainty of my temporal life. Let me be alway exerciſed in earneſt prayer to, and believing dependence on, God, as my companion and friend.

I Said, I will look to my ways,
left with my tongue I ſin:
In ſight of wicked men my mouth
with bridle I'll keep in.
2 With ſilence I as dumb became,
I did myſelf reſtrain
From ſpeaking good; but then the more
increaſed was my pain.
3 My heart within me waxed hot,
and while I muſing was,
The fire did burn: and from my tongue
theſe words I did let paſs,
4 Mine end, and meaſure of my days,
O Lord, unto me ſhow
What is the ſame; that I thereby
my frailty well may know.
5 Lo, thou my days an hand-breadth mad'ſt,
mine age is in thine eye
As nothing: ſure each man at beſt,
is wholly vanity.
6 Sure each man walks in a vain ſhow,
they vex themſelves in vain:
He heaps up wealth, and doth not know
to whom it ſhall pertain.
7 And now, O Lord, what wait I for?
my hope is fix'd on thee.
8 Free me from all my treſpaſſes,
the fool's ſcorn make not me.
9 Dumb was I, op'ning not my mouth,
becauſe this work was thine.
10 Thy ſtroke take from me: by the blow
of thine hand do I pine.
11 When with rebukes thou doſt correct
man for iniquity,
Thou waſtes his beauty like a moth;
ſure each man's vanity.

12 Attend my cry, Lord, at my tears,
and pray'rs not silent be:
I sojourn as my fathers all,
and stranger am with thee.

13 O spare thou me, that I my strength
recover may again,
Before from hence I do depart,
and here no more remain.

PSALM XL.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Here we have (1) David's hearty acknowledgments of God's kindness, in bringing him out of long and sore afflictions, ver. 1,—5. (2) His preferring of holy obedience to God, and faithful publication of his truths and praises, to all ceremonial oblations, ver. 6,—11. (3) His improvement of his former deliverance, as an encouragement to supplicate further mercy and protection;—an encouragement to confess sin and implore the pardon thereof; an encouragement to rejoice in, and praise God, for his excellencies and favours; and to trust him under affliction, and to comfort himself in him amidst poverty, and sinfulness, and trouble, ver. 12,—17.——¶ But let me here chiefly think (1) Of Jesus the great Shepherd of the sheep, who was brought again from his agonies and death, by the blood of the everlasting Covenant, and set down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, that he might receive gifts for men, and that our faith and hope might be in God, ver. 1,—5. (2) Let me think of the New-Covenant made between him and his eternal Father, for the redemption of sinful men; and of his complete fulfilment of the divine law, as the condition thereof, ver. 6,—10. (3) Let me think, how our iniquities were charged to his account; and punished on him, as our surety! ver. 11,—13. (4) Let me think, how the unrelenting vengeance of almighty God overtook his Jewish betrayers and murderers; and hath or will overtake his Heathenish, Antichristian or other implacable enemies;—and of the joy and consolation, which flows from, and through him, to his chosen friends, ver. 14,—17.

I Waited for the Lord my God,
and patiently did bear:
At length to me he did incline
my voice and cry to hear.

2 He took me from a fearful pit,
and from the miry clay,
And on a rock he ſet my feet,
eſtabliſhing my way.

3 He put a new ſong in my mouth,
our God to magnify;
Many ſhall ſee it, and ſhall fear,
and on the Lord rely.

4 O bleſſed is the man whoſe truſt
upon the Lord relies;
Reſpecting not the proud, nor ſuch
as turn aſide to lies.

5 O Lord my God, full many are
the wonders thou haſt done!
Thy gracious thoughts to us-wards far
above all thoughts are gone:
In order none can reckon them
to thee: if them declare,
And ſpeak of them I would, they more
than can be numb'red are.

6 No ſacrifice nor offering
didſt thou at all deſire,
Mine ears thou bor'd: ſin off'ring thou
and burnt, didſt not require.

7 Then to the Lord theſe were my words,
I come, behold and ſee:
Within the volume of thy book
it written is of me.

8 To do thy will I take delight,
O thou my God that art:
Yea, that moſt holy law of thine
I have within my heart.

9 Within the congregation great
I righteouſneſs did preach:
Lo, thou doſt know, O Lord, that I
refrained not my ſpeech.

10 I never did within my heart
conceal thy righteouſneſs:
I thy ſalvation have declar'd,
and ſhown thy faithfulneſs:
Thy kindneſs which moſt loving is,
concealed have not I,
Nor from the congregation great
have hid thy verity.

11 Thy tender-mercies, Lord, from me
O do thou not reſtrain;
Thy loving-kindneſs and thy truth
let them me ſtill maintain.

12 For ills paſt reck'ning compaſs me,
and mine iniquities
Such hold upon me taken have,
I cannot lift mine eyes:
They more than hairs are on mine head;
thence is my heart diſmay'd.

13 Be pleaſed, Lord, to reſcue me:
Lord, haſten to mine aid.

14 Sham'd and confounded be they all
that ſeek my ſoul to kill:
Yea, let them backward driven be,
and ſham'd that wiſh me ill.

15 For a reward of this their ſhame,
confounded let them be,
That in this manner ſcoffing ſay,
Aha, aha, to me.

16 In thee let all be glad and joy,
who ſeeking thee abide:
Who thy ſalvation love, ſay ſtill,
the Lord be magnify'd.

17 I'm poor and needy, yet the Lord
of me a care doth take:
Thou art my help and Saviour,
my God no tarrying make.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

This Psalm contains (1) A representation of the blessedness of him, who wisely considereth the case of the poor, and affords them relief, ver. 1,---3. (2) David's candid acknowledgments of the justness of his affliction, and earnest supplications, for a merciful deliverance, ver. 4. (3) His sad complaints of the malicious, censorious, and spiteful reflections, and of the insolent carriage, of his enemies, ver. 5,---9. (4) His hearty committing of his case and way to God, in the assured and triumphant faith of his favour, ver. 10,---13.——¶ While I sing, let mine eyes be towards the Lord Jesus, who thought on me, in my low estate. Let me consider him, who though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be made rich.---Jesus, who had not where to lay his head;---Jesus, whom his own disciple betrayed; and who, through manifold enemies and much tribulation, entered into the kingdom of God.

BLessed is he that wisely doth
the poor man's case consider;
For when the time of trouble is,
the Lord will him deliver.

2 God will him keep; yea, save alive:
on earth he bless'd shall live;
And to his enemies' desire
thou wilt him not up-give.

3 God will give strength, when he on bed
of languishing doth mourn:
And in his sickness sore, O Lord,
thou all his bed wilt turn.

4 I said, O Lord, do thou extend
thy mercy unto me:
O do thou heal my soul, for why,
I have offended thee.

5 Those that to me are enemies,
of me do evil say:
When shall he die, that so his name
may perish quite away?

6 To see me if he comes, he speaks
vain words; but then his heart

Heaps miſchief to it, which he tells,
when forth he doth depart.

7 My haters jointly whiſpering,
'gainſt me my hurt deviſe.
8 Miſchief, ſay they, cleaves faſt to him;
he ly'th, and ſhall not riſe.
9 Yea, ev'n mine own familiar friend,
on whom I did rely,
Who ate my bread, ev'n he his heel
againſt me lifted high.

10 But, Lord, be merciful to me,
and up again me raiſe,
That I may juſtly them requite
according to their ways.
11 By this I know that certainly
I favour'd am by thee:
Becauſe my hateful enemy
triumphs not over me.

12 But as for me, thou me uphold'ſt
in mine integrity:
And me before thy countenance
thou ſett'ſt continually.
13 The Lord, the God of Iſrael,
be bleſs'd for ever then,
From age to age eternally.
Amen, yea, and amen.

PSALM XLII.

To the chief Muſician, Maſchil, *for the ſons of* Korah.

Perhaps this Pſalm was compoſed by David, when the unnatural rebellion of Abſalom had forced him from the ſanctuary of God, and to take up his lodging eaſtward of Jordan, 2 Sam. xv.—xix. We have in it, (1) Ardent longings after nearneſs to, and familiar intimacy with God, in his public ordinances and ſanctuary, ver. 1, 2. (2) Mournful lamentations and bitter groanings, on account of God's withdrawment of his comfortable ſmiles; and of the want of the once enjoyed ordinances of God, and fellowſhip with his ſaints; and of the

troublesome impressions of God's wrath; and of his enemies insolent upbraiding of him; and on account of the departure and distance of his God, ver. 3. 4. 6, 7. 9, 10. (3) Believing remembrance of God's former favours, ver. 6.; and self-encouraging hopes of future ones, ver. 5. 8. 11. ——, —— ¶ Have I experimentally understood all these things! My soul, let me charge thee, to beware of dissimulation with God, and of compassing him about with lies, under pretence of praising him. Dare not to sing these lines without inward, without ardent, longings for the Lord; — without earnest claiming of him, as thy own God, upon the foundation of his new-covenant grant of himself to me, in the gospel; — without assured hopes of his future, his everlasting kindness to-me-ward.

LIKE as the hart for water-brooks
in thirst doth pant and bray;
So pants my longing soul, O God,
that come to thee I may.

2 My soul for God, the living God,
doth thirst; when shall I near
Unto thy countenance approach,
and in God's sight appear?

3 My tears have unto me been meat,
both in the night and day,
While unto me continually,
Where is thy God? they say.

4 My soul is poured out in me,
when this I think upon;
Because that with the multitude
I heretofore had gone:

With them into God's house I went,
with voice of joy and praise;
Yea, with the multitude that kept
the solemn holy days.

5 O why art thou cast down, my soul?
why in me so dismay'd?
Trust God, for I shall praise him yet;
his countenance is mine aid.

6 My God, my soul's cast down in me;
thee therefore mind I will

From Jordan's land, the Hermonites,
and ev'n from Mizar-hill.

7 At the noise of thy water-spouts
deep unto deep doth call:
Thy breaking waves pass over me,
yea, and thy billows all.

8 His loving-kindness yet the Lord
command will in the day:
His song's with me by night, to God,
by whom I live, I'll pray.

9 And I will say to God, my Rock,
Why me forget'st thou so?
Why, for my foes oppression,
thus mourning do I go?

10 'Tis as a sword within my bones,
when my foes me upbraid:
Ev'n when by them, Where is thy God?
'tis daily to me said.

11 O why art thou cast down, my soul?
Why, thus with grief oppress,
Art thou disquieted in me?
in God still hope and rest:

For yet I know I shall him praise,
who graciously to me
The health is of my countenance;
yea, mine own God is he.

PSALM XLIII.

This Psalm was probably composed on the same occasion as the former; and contains (1) David's strong cries to his God, for help against, and deliverance from, his ungodly, unjust, and crafty oppressors, ver. 1,—2. (2) His earnest longings, to be restored to the enjoyment of his God, in his public ordinances, ver. 3, 4. (3) His inward disquiets, composed by believing claims of his God, and firm dependence on his promises, ver. 5.——¶ While I sing, let my soul be deeply affected with the injuries I daily receive from Satan and my own lusts. Let my heart and flesh cry out for God, the living God, as my God, and mine exceeding joy. And let me still all

And when our armies do go forth,
thou go'ſt not with the ſame.
10 Thou mak'ſt us from the enemy,
faint-hearted to turn back:
And they who hate us, for themſelves
our ſpoils away do take.

11 Like ſheep for meat thou gaveſt us:
'mongſt heathen caſt we be.
12 Thou didſt for nought thy people ſell,
their price enrich'd not thee.
13 Thou mak'ſt us a reproach to be
unto our neighbours near;
Deriſion and a ſcorn to them
that round about us are.

14 A by-word alſo thou doſt us
among the heathen make:
The people in contempt and ſpite,
at us their heads do ſhake.
15 Before me my confuſion
continually abides;
And of my baſhful countenance
the ſhame me ever hides.

16 For voice of him that doth reproach,
and ſpeaketh blaſphemy;
By reaſon of th' avenging foe,
and cruel enemy.
17 All this is come on us, yet we
have not forgotten thee;
Nor falſly in thy covenant
behav'd ourſelves have we.

18 Back from thy way our heart not turn'd;
our ſteps no ſtraying made.
19 Tho' us thou brak'ſt in dragons' place,
and cov'redſt with death's ſhade.
20 If we God's name forgot, or ſtretch'd
to a ſtrange God our hands:

21 Shall not God ſearch this out? for he
hearts ſecrets underſtands.

22 Yea, for thy ſake we're kill'd all day,
counted as ſlaughter-ſheep.

23 Riſe, Lord, caſt us not ever off;
awake, why doſt thou ſleep?

24 O wherefore hideſt thou thy face?
forgett'ſt our caſe diſtreſs'd,

25 And our oppreſſion? For our ſoul
is to the duſt down preſs'd;
Our belly alſo on the earth,
faſt cleaving hold doth take.

26 Riſe for our help, and us redeem,
ev'n for thy mercies' ſake.

PSALM XLV.

To the chief Muſician upon Shoſhannim, *for the ſons of* Korah, Maſchil, *A Song of loves.*

In this SONG OF LOVES, are celebrated (1) The glories of Jeſus our Redeemer,—particularly the tranſcendent comelineſs, and bleſſedneſs of his perſon, God-man: His almighty power, in conquering his people, and deſtroying his enemies;—the eternity, firmneſs, and equity of his government;—his royal unction with the holy Ghoſt above meaſure; and his fitneſs for his work; and the ſplendor of his court, ver. 1,—9. (2) The glories of the redeemed,—their liſtening to Jeſus' propoſals of marriage-union with himſelf; their renunciation of all others, for his ſake; their reverential ſubmiſſion to, and worſhip of him, ver. 10, 11,—their glorious ornaments of righteouſneſs and grace; and their glorious entrance into the new covenant, and the eternal ſtate, ver. 12,—15,—their glorious ſucceſſion and work, for perpetuating the fame of the Redeemer, ver. 16, 17.——¶ In ſinging this Song of the Lamb, Let me with open face, behold his glory, and be changed into the ſame image from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord. Let my admiration of his excellency ſwell to the brim; and my love burn with a moſt vehement flame; and let my hopes of being for ever with him, be ſtrong and lively. Let my heart be all wonder at his excellency, fulneſs, and grace; and all ſubjection to his government and laws; and my lips filled with his praiſe and honour all the day.

MY heart brings forth a goodly thing:
my words that I indite,
Concern the King: my tongue's a pen
of one that swift doth write.

2 Thou fairer art than sons of men:
into thy lips is store
Of grace infus'd: God therefore thee
hath bless'd for evermore.

3 O thou that art the mighty One,
thy sword gird on thy thigh;
Ev'n with thy glory excellent
and with thy majesty.

4 For meekness, truth and righteousness,
in state ride prosp'rously:
And thy right hand shall thee instruct
in things that fearful be.

5 Thine arrows sharply pierce the hearts
of th' enmies of the King;
And under thy subjection
the people down do bring.

6 For ever and for ever is,
O God, thy throne of might:
The sceptre of thy kingdom is
a sceptre that is right.

7 Thou lovest right, and hatest ill:
for God, thy God most high,
Above thy fellows hath with th' oil
of joy anointed thee.

8 Of aloes, myrrh, and cassia,
a smell thy garments had;
Out of the iv'ry palaces,
whereby they made thee glad.

9 Among thy women honourable,
king's daughters were at hand:
Upon thy right-hand did the queen,
in gold of Ophir stand.

10 O daughter, hearken and regard,
and do thine ear incline;
Likewiſe forget thy father's houſe,
and people that are thine.

11 Then of the King deſir'd ſhall be
thy beauty veh'mently:
Becauſe he is thy Lord, do thou
him worſhip rev'rently.

12 The daughter there of Tyre ſhall be
with gifts and off'rings great:
Thoſe of the people that are rich,
thy favour ſhall intreat.

13 Behold, the daughter of the King
all glorious is within;
And with embroideries of gold
her garments wrought have been.

14 She ſhall be brought unto the King
in robes with needle wrought:
Her fellow-virgins following,
ſhall unto thee be brought.

15 They ſhall be brought with gladneſs great,
and mirth on ev'ry ſide,
Into the palace of the king
and there they ſhall abide.

16 Inſtead of thoſe thy fathers dear,
thy children thou may'ſt take,
And in all places of the earth
them noble princes make.

17 Thy name remember'd I will make,
through ages all to be:
The people therefore evermore
ſhall praiſes give to thee.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

MY heart inditing is
good matter in a ſong:
I ſpeak the things that I have made,
which to the King belong:
My tongue ſhall be as quick
his honour to indite,
As is the pen of any ſcribe
that uſeth faſt to write.

2 Thou'rt faireſt of all men,
grace in thy lips doth flow:
And therefore bleſſings evermore
on thee doth God beſtow.

3 Thy ſword gird on thy thigh,
thou that art moſt of might:
Appear in dreadful majeſty,
and in thy glory bright.

4 For meekneſs, truth, and right,
ride proſp'rouſly in ſtate:
And thy right-hand ſhall teach to thee
things terrible and great.

5 Thy ſhafts ſhall pierce their hearts
that foes are to the King,
Whereby into ſubjection
the people thou ſhalt bring.

6 Thy royal ſeat, O Lord,
for ever ſhall remain:
The ſceptre of thy kingdom doth
all righteouſneſs maintain.

7 Thou lov'ſt right, and hat'ſt ill:
for God, thy God moſt high,
Above thy fellows hath with th' oil
of joy anointed thee.

8 Of myrrh and ſpices ſweet
a ſmell thy garments had:

Out of the iv'ry palaces
whereby they made thee glad.
9 And in thy glorious train,
kings' daughters waiting ſtand:
And thy fair queen, in Ophir-gold,
doth ſtand at thy right-hand,

10 O daughter, take good heed,
incline, and give good ear:
Thou muſt forget thy kindred all,
and father's houſe moſt dear.
11 Thy beauty to the King
ſhall then delightful be:
And do thou humbly worſhip him,
becauſe thy Lord is he.

12 The daughter then of Tyre
there with a gift ſhall be.
And all the wealthy of the land
ſhall make their ſuit to thee.
13 The daughter of the King
all glorious is within;
And with embroideries of gold,
her garments wrought have been.

14 She cometh to the King
in robes with needle wrought:
The virgins that do follow her
ſhall unto thee be brought.
15 They ſhall be brought with joy,
and mirth on ev'ry ſide,
Into the palace of the King,
and there they ſhall abide.

16 And in thy father's ſtead,
thy children thou may'ſt take,
And in all places of the earth,
them noble princes make.
17 I will ſhew forth thy name
to generations all:

Therefore the people evermore
to thee give praiſes ſhall.

PSALM XLVI.

To the chief Muſician for the ſons of Korah, *A Song upon* Alamoth.

In this Pſalm, probably compoſed for celebrating ſome remarkable victory, we have (1) Bold triumphs of faith in God himſelf, and the mercies of the new covenant, amidſt the moſt alarming danger and diſtreſs, which can be ſuppoſed, ver. 1,—6. (2) A thankful rehearſal of the great things, which God had wrought for the deliverance of his people, and the deſtruction of their enemies, ver. 6,—9. (3) God's heart-compoſing promiſe of promoting his own glory in every providence, and faith's expectation of protection and deliverance therefrom, ver. 10, 11.——¶ While I ſing it, come, my ſoul, encourage thyſelf in JEHOVAH as thy GOD, and thy ALL. Come drink abundantly out of Jeſus' heart-gladdening RIVER of life, his word, his blood, his Spirit, his fulneſs, his love; and holding faſt the beginning of thy confidence unto the end, alway give thanks.

GOD is our refuge and our ſtrength,
in ſtraits a preſent aid.
2 Therefore, although the earth remove,
we will not be afraid:
Though hills amidſt the ſea be caſt.
3 Though waters roaring make,
And troubled be; yea, though the hills
by ſwelling ſeas do ſhake.
4 A river is, whoſe ſtreams do glad
the city of our God:
The holy place, wherein the Lord
moſt High hath his abode.
5 God in the midſt of her doth dwell:
nothing ſhall her remove:
The Lord to her an helper will,
and that right early, prove.
6 The heathen rag'd tumultuouſly,
the kingdoms moved were:

The Lord God uttered his voice,
the earth did melt for fear.
7 The Lord of hosts upon our side,
doth constantly remain:
The God of Jacob's our refuge,
us safely to maintain.
8 Come and behold what wond'rous works
have by the Lord been wrought:
Come, see what desolations
he on the earth hath brought.
9 Unto the ends of all the earth
wars into peace he turns:
The bow he breaks, the spear he cuts,
in fire the chariot burns.
10 Be still, and know that I am God:
among the heathen I
Will be exalted, I on earth
will be exalted high.
11 Our God, who is the Lord of hosts,
is still upon our side:
The God of Jacob our refuge
for ever will abide.

PSALM XLVII.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

This Psalm was probably composed on the same occasion as the 24th. Here is (1) A revenue of praise demanded for God, from all people, Jews and Gentiles, ver. 1...6. (2) A memorial of the grounds of praise, viz. the majesty of God's nature, ver. 2. The great things he had done, or would do for his people, in subduing their foes, and providing portions for themselves; and in ascending to heaven, to receive gifts, and prepare places for men, ver. 3.—5. As also the high sovereignty and universal extent of his government, ver. 2. 7.—9.——¶ While my lips utter this Song, let all my inward powers labour in viewing, in loving, in admiring, in extolling my great,—my glorious,—my ascended,—my all-governing,—all-doing, and all-giving Lord, Jesus Christ.

ALL people, clap your hands to God,
with voice of triumph ſhout:
2 For dreadful is the Lord, moſt high;
great King the earth throughout.
3 The heathen people under us
he ſurely ſhall ſubdue;
And he ſhall make the nations
under our feet to bow.
4 The lot of our inheritance
chooſe out for us ſhall he,
Of Jacob, whom he loved well,
ev'n the excellency.
5 God is with ſhouts gone up, the Lord
with trumpets ſounding high.
6 Sing praiſe to God, ſing praiſe: ſing praiſe,
praiſe to our King ſing ye.
7 For God is King of all the earth,
with knowledge praiſe expreſs.
8 God rules the nations: God ſits on
his throne of holineſs.
9 The princes of the people are
aſſembled willingly,
Ev'n of the God of Abraham
they who the people be.
For why? the ſhields that do defend
the earth, are only his:
They to the Lord belong, yea, he
exalted greatly is.

PSALM XLVIII.

A Song, and Pſalm for the ſons of Korah.

This Pſalm was no doubt compoſed to celebrate ſome remarkable victory or deliverance, in the days of David, Jehoſhaphat, 2 Chron. xx. or Hezekiah, 2 Kings xix. We have here (1) Jeruſalem, the capital city of Iſrael, and type of the goſpel-church and heavenly ſtate, celebrated for her beauty and her relation to God, as the reſidence of his temple and

ordinances, ver. 1, 2. (2) JEHOVAH, the God of Israel, celebrated, for his kind and powerful protection of Jerusalem, and for making her enemies flee off, with much precipitation and terror, ver. 3,—7. (3) The people of God, particularly in Jerusalem, meditating upon, and celebrating the gracious, and mighty things, which God had, or would do for them; and for his discoveries of himself to them; and promising themselves sure and lasting happiness in his relation to them, and direction of them, ver. 8,—14. ——¶ While I sing these, let me be deeply affected with the glory,—with the privileges,—and chiefly with the God of the Christian Church, and of the new-covenant state, and of the new Jerusalem, which is above, which is the mother, the desired city of us all.

GREAT is the Lord, and greatly he
is to be praised still,
Within the city of our God,
upon his holy hill.
2 Mount Zion stands most beautiful,
the joy of all the land;
The city of the mighty King
on her north side doth stand.
3 The Lord, within her palaces
is for a refuge known.
4 For lo, the kings that gather'd were
together by have gone.
5 But, when they did behold the same,
they wond'ring, would not stay:
But, being troubled at the sight,
they thence did haste away.
6 Great terror there took hold on them,
they were possess'd with fear;
Their grief came like a woman's pain
when she a child doth bear.
7 Thou Tarshish ships with east wind break'st.
8 As we have heard it told;
So in the city of the Lord
our eyes did it behold:
In our God's city, which his hand
for ever stablish will.

9 We of thy loving-kindneſs thought,
Lord, in thy temple ſtill.
10 O Lord, according to thy name,
through all the earth's thy praiſe:
And thy right hand, O Lord, is full
of right'ouſneſs always.
11 Becauſe thy judgments are made known,
let Zion mount rejoice;
Of Judah let the daughters all
ſend forth a chearful voice.
12 Walk about Zion, and go round;
the high tow'rs thereof tell.
13 Conſider ye her palaces,
and mark her bulwarks well:
That ye may tell poſterity.
14 For this God doth abide
Our God for evermore; he will
ev'n unto death us guide.

PSALM XLIX.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm for the ſons of Korah.

This Pſalm is a mirror calculated to exhibit the emptineſs of all worldly enjoyments. Obſerve (1) David's earneſt attempt to awaken all ranks of mankind, to a ſerious conſideration of this matter, as a point of great importance, and univerſal concern, ver. 1,—4. (2) His irrefragable proofs of the vanity of earthly enjoyments, viz. that they cannot ſave from death, either a man's ſelf or his friend; and that they cannot make men wiſe or happy in this world; and far leſs render them happy in the future ſtate, ver. 6,—14. (3) His attempt to comfort himſelf and other ſaints, under the ſenſe of their daily infirmities, and of the chaſtiſements received on account of their ſins; and againſt the ſlaviſh fears of death; and againſt temptations ariſing from the proſperity of the wicked, ver. 5. 15.—18.——¶ While I ſing, let me bewail my ſinful minding of, and idolatrous attachment to, earthly things. Let me be henceforth, as a weaned child, ſetting my affections on things above, where Chriſt is at the right-hand of God. Let no uncertain riches or honours, but the LIVING GOD, be the object of all my truſt and joy.

HEAR this, all people, and give ear,
all in the world that dwell,
2 Both low and high, both rich and poor:
3 My mouth shall wisdom tell;
My heart shall knowledge meditate,
4 I will incline mine ear
To parables; and on the harp
my sayings dark declare.

5 Amidst those days that evil be,
why should I, fearing, doubt,
When of my heels th' iniquity
shall compass me about?
6 Whoe'er they be that in their wealth
their confidence do pitch,
And boast themselves, because they are
become exceeding rich.

7 Yet none of these his brother can
redeem by any way;
Nor can he unto God for him
sufficient ransom pay:
8 (Their souls redemption precious is
and it can never be)
9 That still he should for ever live,
and not corruption see.

10 For why? he seeth that wise men die,
and brutish fools also
Do perish; and their wealth, when dead,
to others they let go.
11 Their inward thought is, that their house
and dwelling places shall
Stand through all ages: they their lands
by their own names do call.

12 But yet in honour shall not man
abide continually:
But passing hence, may be compar'd
unto the beasts that die.

13 Thus, brutiſh folly plainly is
their wiſdom, and their way;
Yet their poſterity approve
what they do fondly ſay.

14 Like ſheep they in the grave are laid,
and death ſhall them devour;
And, in the morning, upright men
ſhall over them have pow'r;
Their beauty, from their dwelling, ſhall
conſume within the grave.

15 But from hell's hand God will me free,
for he ſhall me receive.

16 Be thou not then afraid, when one
enriched thou doſt ſee,
Nor when the glory of his houſe
advanced is on high.

17 For he ſhall carry nothing hence,
when death his days doth end:
Nor ſhall his glory after him
into the grave deſcend.

18 Although he his own ſoul did bleſs,
whilſt he on earth did live:
(And when thou to thyſelf doſt well,
men will thee praiſes give.)

19 He to his father's race ſhall go,
they never ſhall ſee light.

20 Man honour'd, wanting knowledge, is
like beaſts that periſh quite.

PSALM L.

A Pſalm of Aſaph.

This Pſalm may be conſidered as a rebuke to the carnal Jews, who reſted in, and boaſted of their external ceremonies in worſhip, to the neglecting of the weightier matters of the law,—mercy, judgment and faith: Or, as a prediction of the coming of Chriſt, to aboliſh the ceremonial worſhip, eject the Jews from his Church, and eſtabliſh a more pure and

spiritual form of worship, under the gospel: Or, in fine, as a representation of the last judgment,—in which Christ shall come, to render to every man according to his deeds. Observe, (1) The awful appearance of God our Redeemer, in the flesh, in power, or in the clouds; with the gathering of the people to him, ver. 1,—6. (2) An engaging admonition to improve God's new-covenant grant of himself to be our God, as an excitement to exchange legal ceremonies into prayer, thanksgiving and holy obedience; or at least, to give a remarkable preference to the latter, ver. 7,—15. (3) A terrible charge of hypocrisy, slander, contempt of God's word, and of atheistical imaginations concerning God, laid against the wicked, with a fearful sentence of condemnation, founded thereon, ver. 16,-22. (4) An alarming warning of danger, to the forgetters of God, and encouraging promise to such as study to glorify him, by an holy conversation, ver. 22, 23.——¶ Sing this, my soul, with solemn awe, as sisted before the great searcher of hearts, and as by faith beholding Jesus, in my nature,—sitting on his great white throne,—gathering the nations to his bar, opening the books, and judging mankind out of the things found written therein.

1 THE mighty God, the Lord
hath spoken, and did call
The earth from rising of the sun,
to where he hath his fall.

2 From out of Sion hill,
which of excellency
And beauty the perfection is,
God shined gloriously.

3 Our God shall surely come,
keep silence shall not he;
Before him fire shall waste, great storms
shall round about him be.

4 Unto the heavens clear,
he from above shall call,
And to the earth likewise, that he
may judge his people all.

5 Together let my saints
unto me gather'd be,
Those that by sacrifice have made
a covenant with me.

6 And then the heavens ſhall
his righteouſneſs declare:
Becauſe the Lord himſelf is he
by whom men judged are.

7 My people Iſra'l hear,
ſpeak will I from on high,
Againſt thee I will teſtify;
God, ev'n thy God, am I.

8 I, for thy ſacrifice,
no blame will on thee lay,
Nor for burnt-off'rings, which to me
thou offer'dſt ev'ry day.

9 I'll take no calf, nor goats,
from houſe or fold of thine.

10 For beaſts of foreſts, cattle all
on thouſand hills are mine.

11 The fowls on mountains high,
are all to me well known,
Wild beaſts, which in the fields do lye,
ev'n they are all mine own.

12 Then, if I hungry were,
I would not tell it thee:
Becauſe the world, and fulneſs all
thereof belongs to me.

13 Will I eat fleſh of bulls?
or goat's blood drink will I?

14 Thanks offer thou to God, and pay
thy vows to the moſt High.

15 And call upon me, when
in trouble thou ſhalt be,
I will deliver thee, and thou
my name ſhalt glorify.

16 But to the wicked man
God ſaith, My laws and truth
Should'ſt thou declare? how dar'ſt thou take
my cov'nant in thy mouth?

17 Sith thou inſtruction hat'ſt,
which ſhould thy ways direct:
And, ſith my words behind thy back
thou caſt'ſt, and doſt reject.
18 When thou a thief didſt ſee,
with him thou didſt conſent;
And with the vile adulterers
partaker on thou went.
19 Thou giv'ſt thy mouth to ill,
thy tongue deceit doth frame.
20 Thou ſitt'ſt, and 'gainſt thy brother ſpeak'ſt,
thy mother's ſon doſt ſhame.
21 Becauſe I ſilence kept,
while thou theſe things haſt wrought;
That I was altogether like
thyſelf hath been thy thought:
Yet I will thee reprove,
and ſet before thine eyes
In order ranked thy miſdeeds,
and thine iniquities.
22 Now, ye that God forget,
this carefully conſider;
Leſt I in pieces tear you all,
and none can you deliver.
23 Whoſo doth offer praiſe,
me glorifies, and I
Will ſhew him God's ſalvation,
that orders right his way.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

THE mighty God the Lord hath ſpoke,
and call'd the earth upon,
Ev'n from the riſing of the ſun,
unto his going down.

2 From out of Sion, his own hill,
where the perfection high
Of beauty is, from thence the Lord
hath ſhined gloriouſly.

3 Our God ſhall come, and ſhall no more
be ſilent, but ſpeak out:
Before him fire ſhall waſte, great ſtorms
ſhall compaſs him about.

4 He to the heavens from above,
and to the earth below
Shall call, that he his judgments may
before his people ſhow.

5 Let all my ſaints together be
unto me gathered:
Thoſe that by ſacrifice with me
a covenant have made.

6 And then the heavens ſhall declare
his righteouſneſs abroad:
Becauſe the Lord himſelf doth come,
none elſe is judge but God.

7 Hear, O my people, and I'll ſpeak;
O Iſrael by name,
Againſt thee I will teſtify,
God, ev'n thy God, I am.

8 I, for thy ſacrifices few,
reprove thee never will;
Nor for burnt-off'rings to have been
before me off'red ſtill.

9 I'll take no bullock, nor he-goats,
from houſe nor folds of thine.

10 For beaſts of foreſts, cattle all
on thouſand hills, are mine.

11 The fowls are all to me well known,
that mountains high do yield:
And I do challenge as mine own
the wild beaſts of the field.

12 If I were hungry, I would not
to thee for need complain;
For earth, and all its fulneſs, doth
to me of right pertain.
13 That I, to eat the fleſh of bulls,
take pleaſure, doſt thou think?
Or that I need, to quench my thirſt,
the blood of goats to drink?

14 Nay, rather unto me thy God,
thanſgiving offer thou;
To the moſt High perform thy word,
and fully pay thy vow.
15 And, in the day of trouble great,
ſee that thou call on me;
I will deliver thee, and thou
my name ſhalt glorify.

16 But God unto the wicked ſaith,
Why ſhould'ſt thou mention make
Of my commands? how dar'ſt thou in
thy mouth my cov'nant take?
17 Sith it is ſo, that thou doſt hate
all good inſtruction:
And ſith thou caſt'ſt behind thy back,
and ſlight'ſt my words each one.

18 When thou a thief didſt ſee, then ſtraight
thou join'dſt with him in ſin,
And with the vile adulterers
thou haſt partaker been.
19 Thy mouth to evil thou doſt give,
thy tongue deceit doth frame.
20 Thou ſitt'ſt and 'gainſt thy brother ſpeak'ſt,
thy mother's ſon to ſhame.

21 Theſe things thou wickedly haſt done,
and I have ſilent been;
Thou thought'ſt that I was like thyſelf,
and did approve thy ſin:

But I will sharply thee reprove,
and I will order right
Thy sins and thy transgressions,
in presence of thy light.

22 Consider this, and be afraid,
ye that forget the Lord,
Lest I in pieces tear you all,
when none can help afford.

23 Who off'reth praise, me glorifies:
I will shew God's salvation
To him that ordereth aright
his life and conversation.

PSALM LI.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, *when* Nathan *the Prophet came unto him, after he had gone in unto* Bathsheba.

This Psalm was penned by David, when reproved by Nathan, for his adultery with Bathsheba, and for his murder of Uriah, 2 Sam. xii. We have in it, (1) David's candid and truly sorrowful acknowledgments of his sin, particularly his adultery and murder, as highly dishonourable to God;—and of his original sin, as the source thereof; ver. 1,—5. 17. (2) His earnest supplications for pardon of his offences, and for heart-purifying, and renewing grace; and for renewed influences of the Holy Ghost; and for peace of conscience, and comfortable fellowship with God, for himself, ver. 1, 2. 6,—15. and for reformation of, and prosperity to the church, which had been hurt by his sin, ver. 18, 19. (3) His sincere purposes of heart, to improve God's favours to himself, in promoting the instruction of others, and in giving them an honourable pattern of an exact celebration of God's public worship, ver. 13, 14, 15, 16. 19.——¶ While I sing this penitential Psalm, let my heart be filled with clear, but evangelic views of my aggravated, my unnumbered transgressions;—and with deep sorrow and remorse for them. Let me pour forth supplications, strong cries and tears, to him who is able to forgive all mine iniquities, and to deliver me from every corruption. Let me wash myself in Jesus' blood, as the fountain opened to men for sin and for uncleanness.

AFter thy loving-kindneſs, Lord,
have mercy upon me:
For thy compaſſions great, blot out
all mine iniquity.
2 Me cleanſe from ſin, and throughly waſh
from mine iniquity:
3 For my tranſgreſſions I confeſs,
my ſin I ever ſee.
4 'Gainſt thee, thee only have I ſinn'd,
in thy ſight done this ill.
That when thou ſpeak'ſt thou may'ſt be juſt,
and clear in judging ſtill.
5 Behold, I in iniquity
was form'd the womb within;
My mother alſo me conceiv'd
in guiltineſs and ſin.
6 Behold, thou in the inward parts
with truth delighted art;
And wiſdom thou ſhalt make me know
within the hidden part.
7 Do thou with hyſſop ſprinkle me,
I ſhall be cleanſed ſo,
Yea, waſh thou me, and then I ſhall
be whiter than the ſnow.
8 Of gladneſs and of joyfulneſs,
make me to hear the voice;
That ſo theſe very bones which thou
haſt broken, may rejoice.
9 All mine iniquities blot out,
thy face hide from my ſin.
10 Create a clean heart, Lord, renew
a right ſp'rit me within.
11 Caſt me not from thy ſight, nor take
thy holy Sp'rit away,
12 Reſtore me thy ſalvation's joy;
with thy free Sp'rit me ſtay.

13 Then will I teach thy ways unto
those that transgressors be;
And those that sinners are, shall then
be turned unto thee.

14 O God, of my salvation God,
me from blood-guiltiness
Set free: then shall my tongue aloud
sing of thy righteousness.

15 My closed lips, O Lord, by thee
let them be opened,
Then shall thy praises by my mouth
abroad be published.

16 For thou desir'st not sacrifice,
else would I give it thee;
Nor wilt thou with burnt-offering
at all delighted be.

17 A broken spirit is to God
a pleasing sacrifice:
A broken and a contrite heart,
Lord, thou wilt not despise.

18 Shew kindness, and do good, O Lord,
to Zion thine own hill:
The walls of thy Jerusalem
build up of thy good will.

19 Then righteous off'rings shall thee please,
and off'rings burnt, which they
With whole burnt-off'rings, and with calves,
shall on thine altar lay.

To the chief Musician, Maschil, *A Psalm of* David, *when* Doeg *the* Edomite *came and told* Saul, *and said unto him*, David *is come to the house of* Ahimelech.

This Psalm relates to Doeg the Edomite, who informed Saul, how Ahimelech the high priest had entertained David and his servants, and in consequence thereof, had murdered Ahimelech and above fourscore other priests, 1 Sam. xxii. Here (1) David charges Doeg, that notwithstanding of the manifested and everlasting goodness of God, he gloried in his malice, craft, cruelty, and other wickedness, ver. 1,—5. (2) By the spirit of prophecy, he condemns him, for his wickedness, to be pluckt from his dwelling, and rooted out of the land of the living, to the great joy of the fearers of God, ver. 6, 7. (3) He comforts himself in the everlasting mercy of God, and with the assured hopes, that he should yet praise him for his kindness, ver. 8, 9. ¶ Learn, O my soul, to detest all deceit and cruelty. Learn to imitate the goodness of God, which endureth continually; and while friends are cut off or foes prevail, let me live by faith, on a gracious God, as my ALL and IN ALL.

WHY dost thou boast, O mighty man,
of mischief and of ill?
The goodness of almighty God,
endureth ever still.

2 Thy tongue mischievous calumnies
deviseth subtilly:
Like to a razor, sharp to cut,
working deceitfully.

3 Ill more than good, and more than truth
thou lov'st to speak wrong.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words,
O thou deceitful tongue.

5 So God shall thee destroy for ay:
remove thee, pluck thee out
Quite from thy house, out of the land
of life he shall thee root.

6 The righ't'ous shall it see, and fear,
and laugh at him they shall.

7 Lo, this the man is that did not
make God his strength at all:

But he, in his abundant wealth
his confidence did place:
And he took ſtrength unto himſelf
from his own wickedneſs.

8 But I am in the houſe of God
like to an olive green:
My confidence for ever hath
upon God's mercy been.

9 And I for ever will thee praiſe,
becauſe thou haſt done this:
I on thy name will wait, for good
before thy ſaints it is.

PSALM LIII.

To the chief Muſician, upon Mahalath, Maſchil, *A Pſalm of* David.

This Pſalm is much the ſame as the 14th. It ſpeaks (1) humbling convictions of their ſinfulneſs of nature and practice, to all men, ver. 1,—3. (2) Fearful terrors to them, who perſecute and oppreſs the people of God, ver. 4, 5. (3) Abundant comfort, in the ſalvation of God, to his perſecuted ſaints, ver. 5, 6. ¶ Learn, my ſoul, frequently to review thy original and contracted filthineſs. Admire the patience and mercy of God towards mankind. Truſt not in man, for wherein is he to be accounted of? In the full aſſurance of faith, wait patiently for God's ſalvation.

THAT there is not a God, the fool
doth in his heart conclude:
They are corrupt, their works are vile;
not one of them doth good.

2 The Lord upon the ſons of men
from heav'n did caſt his eyes,
To ſee if any one there was
that ſought God, and was wiſe.

3 They altogether filthy are,
they all are backward gone:
And there is none that doeth good,
no not ſo much as one.

4 These workers of iniquity,
do they not know at all,
That they my people eat as bread,
and on God do not call.

5 Ev'n there they were afraid, and stood
with trembling all dismaid,
Whereas there was no cause at all,
why they should be afraid:
For God his bones that thee besieg'd
hath scatter'd all abroad;
Thou hast confounded them, for they
despised are of God.

6 Let Israel's help from Zion come:
when back the Lord shall bring
His captives, Jacob shall rejoice,
and Israel shall sing.

PSALM LIV.

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, *A Psalm of* David, *when the* Ziphims *came and said to* Saul, *Doth not* David *hide himself with us?*

This Psalm was composed when the Ziphites, men of the same tribe with David, instigated Saul to destroy him, and directed him how to accomplish it, 1 Sam. xxiii. xxvi. It contains (1) David's strong cries to his God, that he would save and judge him, and hear his requests, ver. 1, 2. (2) Bitter complaints of the oppression, and the impiety of his enemies, ver. 3. (3) His triumphant consolation of himself, in the view of what God was to him, and would do for him,—intermixed with holy resolutions to praise him for his kindness, ver. 4—7. ¶ While Satan, and my lusts, and the men of this world, unite to destroy me, let me call on God. Let me be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Let me rejoice in Him, who hath delivered, doth deliver, and in whom I trust that He will deliver me.

SAVE me, O God, by thy great name,
and judge me by thy strength.
2 My prayer hear, O God; give ear
unto my words at length.

3 For they that ſtrangers are to me
do up againſt me riſe;
Oppreſſors ſeek my ſoul, and God
ſet not before their eyes.

4 The Lord my God my helper is,
lo, therefore I am bold;
He taketh part with ev'ry one
that doth my ſoul uphold.

5 Unto mine enemies he ſhall
miſchief and ill repay:
O for thy truth's ſake cut them off,
and ſweep them clean away.

6 I will a ſacrifice to thee
give with free willingneſs;
Thy name, O Lord, becauſe 'tis good,
with praiſe I will confeſs.

7 For he hath me delivered
from all adverſities:
And his deſire mine eye hath ſeen
upon mine enemies.

PSALM LV.

To the chief Muſician, on Neginoth, Maſchil, *A Pſalm of* David.

This Pſalm was probably penned by David, when he fled from Jeruſalem, for fear of Abſalom his ſon, 2 Sam. xv. xvi. Obſerve (1) David's earneſt prayers, for help and favour from God, amidſt his great oppreſſion, griefs, and fears, ver. 1,—8. (2) His requeſts for the juſt manifeſtation of God's vengeance, in the diſperſion and deſtruction of his enemies, who, in Jeruſalem, particularly Ahitophel, had behaved in ſo baſe and treacherous a manner, ver. 9,—15. (3) Reſolved on frequent and fervent prayer, He encourages himſelf and friends to truſt in God, for ſupport and deliverance, and for the ſpeedy deſtruction of their enemies, however deceitful and bloody, ver. 16,—23. ¶ While I ſing, behold, my ſoul, as in a glaſs, how Jeſus, our Redeemer, was hated, was betrayed and murdered, by his brethren of Judah, at Jeruſalem, and how the fearful vengeance of the Almighty overtook them, on that account. And if,

I am oppreſſed, defamed, or perſecuted, that I know not whither to flee: If in cities, or in particular friends, wickedneſs and malice diſcover themſelves, let me ſtudy reſignation to the diſpoſals of providence, and call upon God, in the aſſured hopes that he will anſwer in due time. Let me caſt all my wants and burdens on him, who is my GOD, that doth me ſave.

LORD, hear my pray'r, hide not thyſelf
from my intreating voice:
2 Attend and hear me, in my plaint
I mourn and make a noiſe,
3 Becauſe of th' en'mies voice, and for
lewd men's oppreſſion great:
On me they caſt iniquity,
and they in wrath me hate.

4 Sore pain'd within me is my heart:
death's terrors on me fall.
5 On me comes trembling, fear, and dread
o'erwhelmed me withal.
6 O that I like a dove had wings,
ſaid I, then would I fly
Far hence, that I might find a place
where I in reſt might be.

7 Lo, then far off I wander would,
and in the deſert ſtay;
8 From windy ſtorm and tempeſt I
would haſte to 'ſcape away.
9 O Lord, on them deſtruction bring,
and do their tongues divide;
For in the city violence
and ſtrife I have eſpy'd.

10 They day and night upon the walls
do go about it round:
There miſchief is, and ſorrow there
in midſt of it is found.
11 Abundant wickedneſs there is
within her inward part;

And from her ſtreets, deceitfulneſs
and guile do not depart.

12 He was no foe that me reproach'd,
then that endure I could;
Nor hater that did 'gainſt me boaſt,
from him me hide I would.

13 But thou, man, who mine equal, guide,
and mine acquaintance, waſt.

14 We join'd ſweet counſels, to God's houſe
in company we paſt.

15 Let death upon them ſeize, and down
let them go quick to hell;
For wickedneſs doth much abound
among them where they dwell.

16 I'll call on God, God will me ſave,

17 I'll pray and make a noiſe
At ev'ning, morning, and at noon;
and he ſhall hear my voice.

18 He hath my ſoul delivered,
that it in peace might be,
From battle that againſt me was,
for many were with me.

19 The Lord ſhall hear and them afflict
of old who hath abode:
Becauſe they never changes have,
therefore they fear not God.

20 'Gainſt thoſe that were at peace with him,
he hath put forth his hand:
The covenant that he had made,
by breaking he profan'd.

21 More ſmooth than butter were his words,
while in his heart was war;
His ſpeeches were more ſoft than oil,
and yet drawn ſwords they are.

22 Caſt thou thy burden on the Lord,
and he ſhall thee ſuſtain;

Yea, he shall cause the righteous man
unmoved to remain.
23 But thou, O Lord my God, those men
in justice shalt o'erthrow,
And in destruction's dungeon dark
at last shalt lay them low:

The bloody and deceitful men
shall not live half their days;
But upon thee with confidence
I will depend always.

PSALM LVI.

To the chief Musician upon Jonath-elem-echokim, Michtam *of* David, *when the* Philistines *took him in* Gath.

This Psalm was penned by David, when the Philistines apprehended him in Gath, 1 Sam. xxi. ver. 10,—15. And contains (1) His earnest supplications to God, for merciful protection, and deliverance from his enemies, who were barbarous, powerful, crafty, malicious, and restless, ver. 1, 2. 5, 6, 7. (2) His assured confidence in God, as his own God, who had spoken good concerning him, and took particular notice of his grievances, ver. 3, 4. 8. 11. (3) Firm hopes, that his prayers should issue in the defeat of his enemies, and that his faith would set him above the slavish fears of men, ver. 9,—11. and that while he paid his vows to God, he should have farther occasion to praise the Lord, for what he had done, and would do for him, ver. 12. 13.—¶ Thus, let me, in all my straits, have recourse to God. While his promises remain infallible, let me rejoice therein, and without anxiety cheerfully expect the fulfilment thereof.

SHEW mercy, Lord, to me; for man
would swallow me outright:
He me oppresseth, while he doth
against me daily fight.
2 They daily would me swallow up,
that hate me spitefully;
For they be many that do fight
against me, O most High.

3 When I'm afraid, I'll truſt in thee:
4 In God I'll praiſe his word;
I will not fear what fleſh can do,
my truſt is in the Lord.
5 Each day they wreſt my words, their thoughts
'gainſt me are all for ill.
6 They meet, they lurk, they mark my ſteps,
waiting my ſoul to kill.
7 But ſhall they by iniquity
eſcape thy judgment ſo?
O God, with indignation down
do thou the people throw.
8 My wand'rings all what they have been
thou know'ſt, their number took;
Into thy bottle put my tears:
are they not in thy book?
9 My foes ſhall, when I cry, turn back,
I know't, God is for me.
10 In God his word I'll praiſe: his word
in God ſhall praiſed be.
11 In God I truſt, I will not fear
what man can do to me.
12 Thy vows upon me are, O God:
I'll render praiſe to thee.
13 Wilt thou not, who from death me ſav'd,
my feet from falls keep free,
To walk before God in the light
of thoſe that living be?

PSALM LVII.

To the chief Muſician, Al-taſchith, Michtam *of* David, *when he fled from* Saul *in the cave.*

This Pſalm was penned by David, when he fled from Saul in the cave, 1 Sam. xxiv. And contains (1) David's earneſt betaking of himſelf to God, upon whom all his dependence was fixed;—towards whom all his deſires were bent; and from whom only he expected relief,—for mercy amidſt his great troubles, ver. 1, 2. (2) His complaints of the cruelty,

malice, and calumnious deceit of his inveterate enemies, ver. 3, 4. 6. (3) His believing triumph in God, in which he prepares himself for praising God; excites himself to it; delights himself in it; and furnisheth himself with matter for it, ver. 7,—10. (4) Conscious of his own inability to praise God enough, he leaves it on God, to exalt and glorify himself, ver. 5,—11.——¶ While I sing, let me cry loud for mercy; let me lay my spiritual and temporal adversities, before the Lord; and let me triumph in the God of my salvation; and employ him, to glorify his name, in all the earth.

BE merciful to me, O God:
thy mercy unto me
Do thou extend, because my soul
doth put her trust in thee:
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings
my refuge I will place,
Until these sad calamities
do wholly overpass.

2 My cry I will cause to ascend
unto the Lord most high;
To God, who doth all things for me
perform most perfectly.

3 From heav'n he shall send down, and me
from his reproach defend,
That would devour me: God his truth
and mercy forth shall send.

4 My soul among fierce lions is,
I fire-brands live among;
Men's sons, whose teeth are spears and darts,
a sharp sword is their tongue.

5 Be thou exalted very high
above the heav'ns, O God;
Let thou thy glory be advanc'd
o'er all the earth abroad.

6 My soul's bow'd down; for they a net
have laid, my steps to snare:
Into the pit which they have digg'd
for me, they fallen are.

To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, Michtam of David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

This Psalm was penned by David, when Saul sent messengers to watch his house, in order to kill him; 1 Sam. xix. In it, as in the seven immediate preceding, we have (1) David's bitter complaints of his enemies, as wicked, barbarous, malicious, and atheistical, ver. 1,—7. (2) His predictory prayers, that God would expose these enemies to contempt and derision; make them standing monuments of his just indignation; deal with them according to their sins; and consume them in his wrath; and even render their sin, their punishment, ver. 8,—15. (3) His holy resolutions to wait upon God, till his judgments should be executed on them, and then to praise him for his favours, ver. 9, 10. 16, 17.—¶ While I sing, let me think of the opposition made to David's Lord, and of the unrelenting vengeance, which hath overtaken his enemies Jewish and Heathen, and shall overtake his Antichristian and other opposers. While his honours are trampled under foot, let me wait on, and trust in God, that at last I may join in the HALLELUJAHS of his people, when the smoke of his enemies torment ascendeth up for ever and ever.

MY God, deliver me from those
that are mine enemies;
And do thou me defend from those
that up against me rise.

2 Do thou deliver me from them
that work iniquity;
And give me safety from the men
of bloody cruelty.

3 For lo, they for my soul lay wait:
the mighty do combine
Against me, Lord, not for my fault,
nor any sin of mine.

4 They run, and without fault in me
themselves do ready make;
Awake to meet me with thy help,
and do thou notice take.

5 Awake, therefore, Lord God of hosts,
thou God of Israel,

To visit heathen all: spare none
that wickedly rebel.
6 At ev'ning they go to and fro;
they make great noise and sound
Like to a dog, and often walk
about the city round.
7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth,
and in their lips are swords;
For they do say thus, Who is he
that now doth hear our words?
8 But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them,
and all the heathen mock.
9 While he's in pow'r, I'll wait on thee;
for God is my high rock.
10 He of my mercy that is God,
betimes shall me prevent:
Upon mine en'mies God shall let
me see mine heart's content.
11 Them slay not, lest my folk forget;
but scatter them abroad
By thy strong pow'r; and bring them down,
O thou our shield, and God.
12 For their mouth's sin, and for the words
that from their lips do fly,
Let them be taken in their pride,
because they curse and lie.
13 In wrath consume them, them consume,
that so they may not be;
And, that in Jacob, God doth rule,
to th' earth's ends let them see.
14 At ev'ning let thou them return,
making great noise and sound
Like to a dog, and often walk
about the city round.
15 And let them wander up and down,
in seeking food to eat;

And let them grudge when they ſhall not
be ſatisfy'd with meat.

16 But of thy pow'r I'll ſing aloud,
at morn thy mercy praiſe:
For thou to me my refuge waſt,
and tow'r in troublous days.

17 O God, that art my ſtrength, I will
ſing praiſes unto thee;
For God is my defence, a God
of mercy unto me.

PSALM LX.

To the chief Muſician upon Shuſhan-eduth, Michtam *of* Dávid, *to teach, when he ſtrove with* Aram-naharaim, *and with* Aram-zobath, *when* Joab *returned, and ſmote of* Edom *in the valley of ſalt, twelve thouſand.*

This Pſalm was penned by David, during his wars with the Syrians and Edomites, 2 Sam. viii. Here, (1) He bewails the tokens of God's diſpleaſure with Iſrael, in the breaking and diſjointing of the nation, under Saul and Iſhboſheth, ver. 1,—3. (2) In thankful contemplation of the late revival he had given to their affairs by his own acceſſion to the throne, and victories over the Philiſtines, Moabites, &c. he beſeeches God to grant them victory over, and reſt from, all their other enemies, ver. 4, 5. (3) In the confident expectation of God's fulfilment of his promiſes, and along with importunate ſupplication, he expreſſeth his triumphant hopes, that God would quickly ſubdue every enemy, the fortified cities of Edom not excepted, ver. 6,—12.——¶ In all my diſtreſſed caſes, let me rejoice in the BANNER, the ENSIGN, given and diſplayed to the nations; and in the faith of God's promiſe, let me firmly expect victory over every ſpiritual foe, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God, the full enjoyment of the Canaan that is above.

O Lord, thou haſt rejected us,
and ſcatter'd us abroad,
Thou juſtly haſt diſpleaſed been;
return to us, O God.

2 The earth to tremble thou haſt made,
therein didſt breaches make:

Do thou thereof the breaches heal,
because the land doth ſhake.

3 Unto thy people thou hard things
haſt ſhew'd, and on them ſent;
And thou haſt cauſed us to drink
wine of aſtoniſhment.

4 And yet a banner thou haſt giv'n
to them who thee do fear:
That it by them, becauſe of truth,
diſplayed may appear.

5 That thy beloved people may
deliver'd be from thrall,
Save with the pow'r of thy right-hand,
and hear me when I call.

6 God in his holineſs hath ſpoke,
herein I will take pleaſure:
Sheehem I will divide, and forth
will Succoth's valley meaſure.

7 Gilead I claim as mine by right,
Manaſſeh mine ſhall be;
Ephraim is of mine head the ſtrength
Judah gives laws for me.

8 Moab's my waſhing-pot, my ſhoe
I'll over Edom throw;
And over Paleſtina's land
I will in triumph go.

9 O who is he will bring me to
the city fortify'd?
O who is he that to the land
of Edom will me guide?

10 O God, which hadeſt us caſt off,
this thing wilt thou not do?
Ev'n thou, O God, which dideſt not
forth with our armies go.

11 Help us from trouble; for the help
is vain which man ſupplies.

12 Thro' God we'll do great acts; he shall
tread down our enemies.

PSALM LXI.

To the chief Musician upon Neginah, *A Psalm of* David.

Here (1) David, in commemorating what the Lord had formerly done for him, and in the faith of what he had promised, cries to God for comfort and protection, amidst great troubles, ver. 1,—4. (2) In the view of what God had and would for ever do for him, he supplicates necessary mercies, and resolves on everlasting praise and thanksgiving to God as his bound duty, ver. 5,—8. ——¶ So may all providences, distressful or smiling, lead my soul to a thankful panting for God, as my ALL and in ALL.

O God, give ear unto my cry,
unto my pray'r attend.
2 From th' utmost corner of the land
my cry to thee I'll send,
What time my heart is over whelm'd,
and in perplexity:
Do thou me lead unto the Rock
that higher is than I.
3 For thou hast for my refuge been
a shelter by thy pow'r;
And, for defence against my foes,
thou hast been a strong tow'r.
4 Within thy tabernacle I
for ever will abide:
And, under covert of thy wings,
with confidence me hide.
5 For thou the vows that I did make,
O Lord my God, didst hear:
Thou hast giv'n me the heritage
of those thy name that fear.
6 A life prolong'd for many days
thou to the King shalt give:
Like many generations be
the years which he shall live.

7 He in God's preſence his abode
for evermore ſhall have:
O do thou truth and mercy both
prepare, that may him ſave.
8 And ſo will I perpetually
ſing praiſe unto thy name;
That, having made my vows, I may
each day perform the ſame.

PSALM LXII.

To the chief Muſician, to Jeduthun, *A Pſalm of* David.

In this Pſalm, (1) David ſolemnly avows his manifold relations to God; his compoſed dependence on, fixed truſt in, and quiet waiting for God; and his hopes of the ruin of his enemies, ver. 1,—7. (2) He earneſtly encourageth others to truſt in, and call on God, who is infinite in power, mercy, and juſtice; and to beware of truſting in men, or in outward riches or honours, which are deceitful, and unſubſtantial, ver. 8,—12.——¶ While I ſing, go thou, my ſoul, and do likewiſe. Be weaned from all dependence on creatures; but cleave to, and depend on, this all-ſufficient JEHOVAH, as anſwerable to all thy needs,—all thy deſires,—all thy enjoying powers, for time and for eternity.—Then, O how fixed in ſafety! and how filled with the conſolations of Chriſt.

MY ſoul with expectation
depends on God indeed:
My ſtrength and my ſalvation doth
from him alone proceed.
2 He only my ſalvation is,
and my ſtrong Rock is he:
He only is my ſure defence;
much mov'd I ſhall not be.

3 How long will ye againſt a man
plot miſchief? ye ſhall all
Be ſlain: ye, as a tott'ring fence
ſhall be, and bowing wall.
4 They only plot to caſt him down
from his excellency:

They joy in lies; with mouth they bleſs,
but they curſe inwardly.

5 My ſoul, wait thou with patience
upon thy God alone:
On him dependeth all my hope
and expectation.

6 He only my ſalvation is,
and my ſtrong Rock is he:
He only is my ſure defence;
I ſhall not moved be.

7 In God my glory placed is,
and my ſalvation ſure:
In God the rock is of my ſtrength,
my refuge moſt ſecure.

8 Ye people, place your confidence
in him continually:
Before him pour ye out your heart;
God is our refuge high.

9 Surely mean men are vanity,
and great men are a lie:
In balance laid, they wholly are
more light than vanity.

10 Truſt ye not in oppreſſion,
in robb'ry be not vain;
On wealth ſet not your hearts, when as
increaſed is your gain.

11 God hath it ſpoken once to me;
yea, this I heard again,
That power to almighty God
alone doth appertain.

12 Yea, mercy alſo unto thee
belongs, O Lord, alone:
For thou according to his work
rewardeſt ev'ry one.

A Psalm of David, *when he was in the Wilderness of* Judah.

This Psalm was penned by David, while he hid himself from the fury of Saul, in the wilderness of Judah, 1 Sam. xxii. 5 —or xxiii. 14. 24, 25. —or xxiv. 1. Or when he fled from Absalom, 2 Sam. xv. xvi. We have (1) His strong faith, working in ardent desires after the most familiar fellowship with God, in public ordinances, ver. 1, 2. (2) His superlative estimation of God, issuing in hearty resolutions to be, for ever, employed in his praise, ver. 3, 4. (3) His heart-ravishing satisfaction in God, amidst secret and fixed meditation on his excellencies and love, ver. 5, 6. (4) His joyful dependence on God, as his Saviour and Portion, ver. 7, 8. (5) His holy triumph in God, as his preserver, and the destroyer of his enemies, ver. 9, —11. —— ¶ While I sing these high praises of God, let my soul be strong in the faith, giving glory to God; embracing the promise of Himself, and calling all the fulness of the Godhead, my own. Let me be all in raptures of divine love, and holy delight. Let no guile, no corruption, no carnal care enervate or damp my inward powers. But let all be opened, be wide stretched, to grasp my infinite ALL, the great I AM.

LORD, thee my God, I'll early seek:
my soul doth thirst for thee:
My flesh longs in a dry parch'd land,
wherein no waters be;

2 That I thy power may behold,
and brightness of thy face,
As I have seen thee heretofore,
within thy holy place.

3 Since better is thy love than life,
my lips thee praise shall give.
4 I in thy name will lift my hands,
and bless thee while I live.

5 Ev'n as with marrow and with fat,
my soul shall filled be;
Then shall my mouth with joyful lips
sing praises unto thee:

6 When I do thee upon my bed
remember with delight;

And when on thee I meditate,
in watches of the night.
7 In ſhadow of thy wings I'll joy,
for thou mine help haſt been.
8 My ſoul thee follows hard; and me
thy right hand doth ſuſtain.

9 Who ſeek my ſoul to ſpill, ſhall ſink
down to earth's loweſt room.
10 They by the ſword ſhall be cut off,
and foxes prey become.
11 Yet ſhall the king in God rejoice,
and each one glory ſhall,
That ſwear by him; but ſtopt ſhall be
the mouth of liars all.

PSALM LXIV.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm contains (1) David's earneſt ſupplications for preſervation from his enemies, who were ſo ſpiteful in their calumnious reproaches;—ſo cloſe and ſubtile in their malicious plots,—and ſo induſtrious and active, in executing their cruel projects, ver. 1,—6. (2) His predictions, that God by juſt vengeance would quickly render theſe enemies a terror to themſelves and others; and an occaſion of holy joy, and confidence, to the ſaints, ver. 7,—10. ——¶ While I ſing; let me commit my ſpiritual enemies, into the hand of God, who is able to deſtroy them, and will quickly, to my everlaſting comfort, tread them all under my feet.

WHEN I to thee my prayer make,
Lord, to my voice give ear;
My life ſave from the enemy
of whom I ſtand in fear.
2 Me from their ſecret counſel hide
who do live wickedly;
From inſurrection of thoſe men
that work iniquity:

3 Who do their tongues with malice whet,
and make them cut like ſwords;

In whoſe bent bows are arrows ſet,
ev'n ſharp and bitter words:
4 That they may at the perfect man
in ſecret aim their ſhot;
Yea, ſuddenly they dare, at him
to ſhoot, and fear it not.

5 In ill encourage they themſelves;
and their ſnares cloſe do lay:
Together conference they have,
Who ſhall them ſee? they ſay.
6 They have ſearch'd out iniquities,
a perfect ſearch they keep:
Of each of them the inward thought,
and very heart is deep.

7 God ſhall an arrow ſhoot at them,
and wound them ſuddenly.
8 So their own tongue ſhall them confound;
all who them ſee ſhall flee.
9 And on all men a fear ſhall fall;
God's works they ſhall declare;
For they ſhall wiſely notice take
what theſe his doings are.

10 In God the right'ous ſhall rejoice,
and truſt upon his might;
Yea, they ſhall greatly glory all,
in heart that are upright.

PSALM LXV.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm and Song of David.

Here we are directed to praiſe God (1) For his kindneſs manifeſted in his kingdom of grace, in hearing prayers; in pardoning iniquities; in ſatisfying the ſouls of his people with his bleſſings; and in protecting and ſupporting them in every exigence, ver. 1,—5 (2) For his kindneſs in the kingdom of providence, in fixing the mountains; in calming the ſeas; in preſerving the regular ſucceſſion of day and night; and in rendering the fields fruitful and the flocks numerous and happy, ver. 6,—13 ——¶ While I ſing, let praiſe wait, in my

ſoul, for the Lord; and let me pour out my heart before him. Under deep ſenſe of guilt and pollution, let me believe his unbounded forgiveneſs and ſanctifying influence. Let me come even to his ſeat, and enjoy raviſhing fellowſhip with him. Let all my confidence be fixed on him; and even, in the bleſſings of providence, let me diſcern the exceeding riches of his grace.

PRAISE waits for thee in Zion, Lord:
to thee vows paid ſhall be.
2 O thou that hearer art of pray'r,
all fleſh ſhall come to thee.
3 Iniquities, I muſt confeſs,
prevail againſt me do:
But as for our tranſgreſſions,
them purge away ſhalt thou.
4 Bleſt is the man whom thou doſt chooſe,
and mak'ſt approach to thee,
That he within thy courts, O Lord,
may ſtill a dweller be:
We ſurely ſhall be ſatisfy'd
with thy abundant grace,
And with the goodneſs of thy houſe,
ev'n of thy holy place.
5 O God of our ſalvation,
thou in thy right'ouſneſs,
By fearful works, unto our pray'rs
thine anſwer doſt expreſs:
Therefore the ends of all the earth,
and thoſe afar that be
Upon the ſea, their confidence,
O Lord, will place in thee.
6 Who, being girt with pow'r, ſets faſt,
by his great ſtrength, the hills;
7 Who noiſe of ſeas, noiſe of their waves,
and people's tumult ſtills.
8 Thoſe in the utmoſt parts that dwell
are at thy ſigns afraid:

Th' out-goings of the morn and ev'n
by thee are joyful made.

9 The earth thou visit'it, wat'ring it:
thou mak'it it rich to grow
With God's full flood: thou corn prepar'ſt,
when thou provid'it it ſo.

10 Her ridg's thou wat'reſt plent'ouſly;
her furrows ſettleſt:
With ſhow'rs thou doſt her mollify,
her ſpring by thee is bleſt.

11 So thou the year moſt lib'rally
doſt with thy goodneſs crown;
And all thy paths abundantly
on us drop fatneſs down.

12 They drop upon the paſtures wide,
that do in deſerts ly;
The little hills on ev'ry ſide
rejoice right pleaſantly.

13 With flocks the paſtures cloathed be,
the vales with corn are clad;
And now they ſhout and ſing to thee,
for thou haſt made them glad.

PSALM LXVI.

To the chief Muſician, A Song or Pſalm.

In this Pſalm of thankſgiving, in which the fate of Iſrael is to be conſidered as typical of that of the goſpel-church and people of God. We have (1) David, as the meſſenger of God, calling all the nations of mankind, to praiſe God for his manifeſtation of his ſovereign dominion, in his works, ſo wonderful in themſelves, terrible to his enemies, comfortable to his people, and commanding and awful to all men, ver. 1,—7. ——And for trying his people with afflictions and for ſupporting under them; protecting amidſt them; and delivering from them, at laſt, ver. 8,—12. (2) David, as the ſervant of God, exemplifying his own exhortations, in honouring God by coſtly oblations; and by thankful declarations of what God had done for his ſoul, particularly in anſwer to his prayers, ver. 13,—20.

ALL lands, to God in joyful founds
aloft your voices raiſe.
2 Sing forth the honour of his name,
and glorious make his praiſe.
3 Say unto God, How terrible
in all thy works art thou?
Through thy great pow'r, thy foes to thee
ſhall be conſtrain'd to bow.
4 All on the earth ſhall worſhip thee,
they ſhall thy praiſe proclaim
In ſongs: they ſhall ſing cheerfully
unto thy holy name.
5 Come, and the works that God hath wrought,
with admiration ſee:
In's working to the ſons of men
moſt terrible is he.
6 Into dry land the ſea he turn'd,
and they a paſſage had,
Ev'n marching through the flood on foot,
there we in him were glad.
7 He ruleth ever by his pow'r,
his eyes the nations ſee:
O let not the rebellious ones
lift up themſelves on high.
8 Ye people, bleſs our God; aloud
the voice ſpeak of his praiſe:
9 Our ſoul in life who ſafe preſerves,
our foot from ſliding ſtays.
10 For thou didſt prove and try us, Lord,
as men do ſilver try;
11 Brought'ſt us into the net, and mad'ſt
bands on our loins to ly.
12 Thou haſt caus'd men ride o'er our heads:
and though that we did paſs
Through fire and water, yet thou brought'ſt
us to a wealthy place.

13 I'll bring burnt off'rings to thy houſe;
to thee my vows I'll pay,
14 Which my lips utter'd, my mouth ſpake,
when trouble on me lay.

15 Burnt-ſacrifices of fat rams,
with incenſe, I will bring;
Of bullocks and of goats I will
preſent an offering.
16 All that fear God, come here, I'll tell
what he did for my ſoul.
17 I with my mouth unto him cry'd,
my tongue did him extol.

18 If in my heart I ſin regard,
the Lord me will not hear:
19 But ſurely God me heard, and to
my prayer's voice gave ear.
20 O let the Lord, our gracious God,
for ever bleſſed be,
Who turned not my pray'r from him,
nor yet his grace from me.

PSALM LXVII.

To the chief Muſician on Neginoth, *A Pſalm or Song.*

Here we have (1) David's prayer for the church of Iſrael, ver. 1. (2) His ſupplication for the comforting, and praiſe-producing ſpread of the goſpel among the Gentiles, ver. 2,—5. (3) His believing proſpect of the divine bleſſings and true piety, which ſhould attend the ſame, ver. 6, 7.——¶ While I ſing, let me requeſt the ſalvation of Iſrael. Let me ſupplicate the gathering of the nations to SHILOH. Let me praiſe the Lord, that already this great work is begun; and that the Lord, who is mighty, ſhall finiſh it in his time.

LORD, bleſs and pity us,
ſhine on us with thy face:
2 That th' earth thy way, and nations all
may know thy ſaving grace.
3 Let people praiſe thee, Lord,
let people all thee praiſe.

4 O let the nations be glad,
in ſongs their voices raiſe.
Thou'lt juſtly people judge,
on earth rule nations all.
5 Let people praiſe thee, Lord, let them
praiſe thee, both great and ſmall.
6 The earth her fruit ſhall yield,
our God ſhall bleſſing ſend.
7 God ſhall us bleſs, men ſhall him fear
unto earth's utmoſt end.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

LORD, unto us be merciful,
do thou us alſo bleſs;
And graciouſly cauſe ſhine on us
the brightneſs of thy face.
2 That ſo thy way upon the earth
to all men may be known,
Alſo among the nations all
thy ſaving health be ſhown.
3 O let the people praiſe thee, Lord,
let people all thee praiſe.
4 O let the nations be glad,
and ſing for joy always;
For rightly thou ſhalt people judge,
and nations rule on earth.
5 Let people praiſe thee, Lord, let all
the folk praiſe thee with mirth.
6 Then ſhall the earth yield her increaſe,
God, our God bleſs us ſhall.
7 God ſhall us bleſs, and of the earth
the ends ſhall fear him all.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm or Song of David.

Perhaps this Pſalm was compoſed on the ſame occaſion as the 24th and 47th, when David brought up the ark of God to that tabernacle, which he had pitched for it in Zion, 2 Sam. vi. We have in it (1) Fervent ſupplications, that God would ſcatter and defeat the projects of his enemies, ver. 1, 2. (2) High praiſes to him for his infinite greatneſs and grace; his righteous relieving of the afflicted and oppreſſed; his directing of Iſrael in the Arabian deſert; his manifeſting of his glory at Sinai; his comfortable providing for his people, in the wilderneſs, and in Canaan, ver. 3,—10: And for the eaſy conqueſt of their Canaanitiſh enemies; his fixing his temple on mount Zion; and for the aſcenſion of Chriſt to glory, to receive gifts for men; and for the ſpread of the goſpel among Jews and Gentiles, by means of the Apoſtles;—while the obſtinate Jews are ſeverely puniſhed, ver. 11,—32: And in fine, for his ſupreme dominion; his awful majeſty; his mighty power; and for the glory of his ſanctuary, and the grace he beſtows upon his people, ver. 33,——35.——. ¶ While I ſing, let me behold, let me admire, what God is, and hath done for, and to my ſoul, and to the church of God, of which I am a member. Let me behold, what God hath done, in inſtances unnumbered, in proſecution of the Covenant he made with his Eternal Son.

LET God ariſe, and ſcattered
let all his en'mies be;
And let all thoſe that do him hate,
before his preſence flee.

2 As ſmoke is driv'n, ſo drive thou them;
as fire melts wax away,
Before God's face let wicked men
ſo periſh and decay.

3 But let the righteous be glad,
let them before God's ſight
Be very joyful; yea, let them
rejoice with all their might.

4 To God ſing, to his name ſing praiſe;
extol him with your voice,
That rides on heav'n, by his name JAH,
before his face rejoice.

5 Becauſe the Lord a father is
unto the fatherleſs:
God is the widow's judge, within
his place of holineſs.
6 God doth the ſolitary ſet
in fam'lies: and from bands
The chain'd doth free, but rebels do
inhabit parched lands.

7 O God, what time thou didſt go forth
before thy people's face;
And when through the great wilderneſs
thy glorious marching was:
8 Then at God's preſence ſhook the earth,
then drops from heav'n fell;
This Sinai ſhook before the Lord,
the God of Iſrael.

9 O God, thou to thine heritage
didſt ſend a plenteous rain,
Whereby thou, when it weary was,
didſt it refreſh again.
10 Thy congregation then did make
their habitation there:
Of thine own goodneſs for the poor,
O God, thou didſt prepare.

11 The Lord himſelf did give the word,
the word abroad did ſpread;
Great was the company of them
the ſame who publiſhed.
12 Kings of great armies foiled were,
and forc'd to flee away;
And women who remain'd at home,
did diſtribute the prey.

13 Tho' ye have ly'n among the pots,
like doves ye ſhall appear,
Whoſe wings with ſilver, and with gold
whoſe feathers cover'd are.

14 When there th' Almighty ſcatter'd kings,
like Salmon's ſnow 'twas white.
15 God's hill is like to Baſhan hill,
like Baſhan hill for height.

16 Why do ye leap, ye mountains high?
this is the hill where God
Deſires to dwell: yea, God in it
for ay will make abode.
17 God's chariots twenty thouſand are,
thouſands of angels ſtrong:
In's holy place, God is, as in
mount Sinai them among.

18 Thou haſt, O Lord, moſt glorious
aſcended up on high;
And, in triumph victorious, led
captive captivity:
Thou haſt received gifts for men,
for ſuch as did rebel:
Yea, ev'n for them, that God the Lord
in midſt of them might dwell.

19 Bleſt be the Lord, who is to us
of our ſalvation God,
Who daily with his benefits
us plenteouſly doth load.
20 He of ſalvation is the God,
who is our God moſt ſtrong:
And, unto God the Lord, from death
the iſſues do belong.

21 But ſurely God ſhall wound the head
of thoſe that are his foes:
The hairy ſcalp of him that ſtill
on in his treſpaſs goes.
22 God ſaid, My people I will bring
again from Baſhan hill:
Yea, from the ſea's devouring deeps
them bring again I will:

23 That in the blood of enemies
thy foot imbru'd may be,
And of thy dogs dipt in the same
the tongues thou mayest see.
24 Thy going they have seen, O God,
the steps of majesty
Of my God, and my mighty King,
within the sanctuary.

25 Before went singers, players next
on instruments took way,
And them among the damsels were
that did on timbrels play.
26 Within the congregations
bless God with one accord;
From Isra'l's fountain do ye bless,
and praise the mighty Lord.

27 With their prince little Benjamin,
princes and counsel there
Of Judah were, there Zebulun's
and Napht'li's princes were.
28 Thy God commands thy strength: make strong
what thou wrought'st for us, Lord.
29 For thy house at Jerusalem,
kings shall thee gifts afford.

30 The spearmen's host, the multitude
of bulls, which fiercely look,
Those calves, which people have forth sent,
O Lord our God, rebuke,
Till ev'ry one submit himself,
and silver pieces bring;
The people that delight in war
disperse, O God and King.

31 Those that be princes great, shall then
come out of Egypt lands,
And Ethiopia to God
shall soon stretch out her hands.

32 O all ye kingdoms of the earth,
sing praises to this King,
For he is Lord that ruleth all,
unto him praises sing.

33 To him that rides on heav'ns of heav'ns,
which he of old did found;
Lo, he sends forth his voice, a voice
in might that doth abound.

34 Strength unto God do ye ascribe;
for his excellency
Is over Israel, his strength
is in the clouds most high.

35 Thou'rt from thy temple dreadful, Lord,
Isra'l's own God is he,
Who gives his people strength and pow'r:
O let God blessed be.

PSALM LXIX.

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, *A Psalm of* David.

This Psalm is much a-kin to the 22d, representing at once the troubles of David and of David's Lord, and the glories which followed. We have in it (1) Bitter complaints, of long and sore troubles; of the malice and multitude of enemies; of the unkindness of friends; of general contempt;—and these mingled with candid acknowledgments of guilt, and with supplications for God's gracious audience and merciful deliverance, ver. 1,—13. (2) Pleas insisted on, in these supplications, viz. the mercy and truth of God, the Psalmist's own great distress; the insolence and cruelty of his enemies; and the unkindness of his friends, ver. 14,—21. (3) Predictions of the ruin of David's, and especially of Christ's Jewish enemies;—importing, That their sacrifices and their common food should be cursed to them; that they should be plagued with judicial blindness and wrathful disquit; that they should be rendered public monuments of the vengeance of God,—having their church and state quite unhinged and their land desolated; and in fine, that their ruin should be increasing, and their recovery almost impossible, ver. 22,—28. (4) Under a deep sense of his poverty and distress, David and his divine Son celebrate the high praises of God, and call others to praise him for the

deliverances of Iſrael; but chiefly for the erection of the goſpel-church, and for the certain, though ſtill future recalling of the Jews into the ſame, ver. 29.—36.——¶ While I ſing, let me behold my Redeemer, charged in law with my ſins, and bearing the puniſhment thereof. Let me learn, with patience, to run the race of holy obedience and of neceſſary trials ſet before me, looking to Jeſus as my pattern, and as the author and finiſher of my faith. While I behold the tremendous ſeverity of God's judgments, againſt his ancient people, for rejecting and murdering his Son, let me not be high-minded, but fear.——Let me behold the grace of our Lord Jeſus, who, though he was rich, yet for our ſakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich.—And let me be a living and lively member of that church, which is founded in his blood, and bleſſed in him, with all ſpiritual bleſſings.

SAVE me, O God, becauſe the floods
do ſo environ me,
That ev'n into my very ſoul
come in the waters be.

2 I downward in deep mire do ſink,
where ſtanding there is none:
I am into deep waters come,
where floods have o'er me gone.

3 I weary with my crying am,
my throat is alſo dry'd,
Mine eyes do fail, while for my God
I waiting do abide.

4 Thoſe men that do without a cauſe
bear hatred unto me,
Than are the hairs upon my head,
in number more they be:

They that would me deſtroy, and are
mine en'mies wrongfully,
Are mighty: ſo what I took not,
to render forc'd was I.

5 Lord, thou my folly know'ſt, my ſins,
not cover'd are from thee.

6 Let none that wait on thee be ſham'd,
Lord God of hoſts, for me:

O Lord, the God of Iſrael,
let none, who ſearch do make,
And ſeek thee, be at any time
confounded for my ſake.
7 For I have borne reproach for thee,
my face is hid with ſhame.
8 To brethren ſtrange, to mother's ſons
an alien I became.
9 Becauſe the zeal did eat me up,
which to thy houſe I bare;
And the reproaches caſt at thee,
upon me fallen are.
10 My tears and faſts, t'afflict my ſoul
were turned to my ſhame.
11 When ſackcloth I did wear, to them
a proverb I became.
12 The men that in the gate do ſit,
againſt me evil ſpake:
They alſo that vile drunkards were,
of me their ſong did make.
13 But in an acceptable time,
my pray'r, Lord, is to thee:
In truth of thy ſalvation, Lord,
and mercy great, hear me.
14 Deliver me out of the mire,
from ſinking do me keep;
Free me from thoſe that do me hate,
and from the waters deep.
15 Let not the flood on me prevail,
whoſe water overflows;
Nor deep me ſwallow, nor the pit
her mouth upon me cloſe.
16 Hear me, O Lord, becauſe thy love
and kindneſs is moſt good;
Turn unto me, according to
thy mercies multitude.

17 Nor from thy ſervant hide thy face;
I'm troubled, ſoon attend.
18 Draw near my ſoul, and it redeem;
me from my foes defend.
19 To thee is my reproach well known,
my ſhame, and my diſgrace:
Thoſe that mine adverſaries be,
are all before thy face.
20 Reproach hath broke my heart, I'm full
of grief; I look'd for one
To pity me, but none I found;
comforters found I none.
21 They alſo bitter gall did give
unto me for my meat:
They gave me vinegar to drink,
when as my thirſt was great.
22 Before them let their table prove
a ſnare; and do thou make
Their welfare and proſperity
a trap themſelves to take.
23 Let thou their eyes ſo dark'ned be,
that ſight may them forſake;
And let their loins be made by thee
continually to ſhake.
24 Thy fury pour thou out on them,
and indignation:
And let thy wrathful anger, Lord,
faſt hold take them upon.
25 All waſte and deſolate let be
their habitation;
And in their tabernacles all
inhabitants be none.
26 Becauſe him they do perſecute,
whom thou didſt ſmite before;
They talk unto the grief of thoſe
whom thou haſt wounded ſore.

27 Add thou iniquity unto
their former wickedneſs:
And do not let them come at all
into thy righteouſneſs.
28 Out of the book of life let them
be raz'd and blotted quite;
Among the juſt and righteous
let not their names be writ.

29 But now become exceeding poor
and ſorrowful am I:
By thy ſalvation, O my God,
let me be ſet on high.
30 The name of God I with a ſong
moſt cheerfully will praiſe;
And I, in giving thanks to him,
his name ſhall highly raiſe.

31 This to the Lord a ſacrifice,
more gracious ſhall prove,
Than bullock, ox, or any beaſt,
that hath both horn and hoof.
32 When this the humble men ſhall ſee,
it joy to them ſhall give:
O all ye that do ſeek the Lord,
your hearts ſhall ever live.

33 For God the poor hears, and will not
his priſoners contemn.
34 Let heav'n and earth, and ſeas him praiſe,
and all that move in them.
35 For God will Judah's cities build,
and he will Sion ſave;
That they may dwell therein, and it
in ſure poſſeſſion have.

36 And they that are his ſervants' ſeed
inherit ſhall the ſame;
So ſhall they have their dwelling there,
that love his bleſſed name.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, *to bring in remembrance.*

This Psalm is much the same as the five last verses of the 40th. In it David prays (1) For divine help to himself, ver. 1. 5. (2) For shame and confusion to his enemies, ver. 2, 3. (3) For joy and comfort to his friends, ver. 4. ¶ While I sing, let me apply it to my own troubled circumstances, and so, in a believing manner, bring them and the sinful causes thereof, to my remembrance.

1 LORD, haste me to deliver;
with speed, Lord succour me.
2 Let them that for my soul do seek,
sham'd and confounded be;
Turn'd back be they, and sham'd,
that in my hurt delight.
3 Turn'd back be they, Ha, ha, that say,
their shaming to requite.
4 In thee let all be glad,
and joy that seek for thee:
Let them who thy salvation love,
say still, God praised be.
5 I poor and needy am;
come, Lord, and make no stay:
My help thou and deliv'rer art,
O Lord, make no delay.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

1 MAKE haste, O God, me to preserve,
with speed, Lord, succour me.
2 Let them that for my soul do seek,
sham'd and confounded be;
Let them be turned back, and sham'd,
that in my hurt delight.
3 Turn'd back be they, Ha, ha, that say,
their shaming to requite.
4 O Lord, in thee let all be glad,
and joy that seek for thee:

Let them, who thy salvation love,
say still, God praised be.
5 But I both poor and needy am,
come, Lord, and make no stay;
My help thou and deliv'rer art,
O Lord, make no delay.

PSALM LXXI.

This Psalm was probably penned on the occasion of Absalom's rebellion, as Psalm 3d, 42d, 43d, or of Sheba's conspiracy, 2 Sam. xx. And contains (1) David's firm confidence in God, encouraged by manifold experiences of his gracious kindness, ver. 1. 3. 5, 6, 7. (2) His fervent prayers, That he might never be ashamed; but might be delivered; might find rest in God; might have constant matter of new praises and thanksgivings afforded him; might not be forsaken of God in his old age; and might have his numerous, powerful, and crafty enemies, confounded with shame and perplexity, ver. 1, —13. 18. (3) His confident and joyful expectations of God's further kindness, particularly that God would never forsake but revive him; that he would increase his honour and comfort, and put his enemies to shame: —— Along herewith, he resolves, with admiring rapture, to extol God's righteousness and salvation, and his new-covenant relation to himself, and to Israel, ver. 14, —24. —— ¶ While I sing, let me be affected with my troubles. Let me never stagger at the promise through unbelief, but be strong in the faith, giving glory to God.

O LORD, my hope and confidence
is plac'd in thee alone:
Then let thy servant never be
put to confusion.
2 And let me, in thy right'ousness,
from thee deliv'rance have;
Cause me escape, incline thine ear
unto me, and me save.
3 Be thou my dwelling rock, to which
I ever may resort;
Thou gav'st commandment me to save,
for thou'rt my rock and fort.

4 Free me, my God, from wicked hands,
hands cruel and unjuſt.
5 For thou, O Lord God, art my hope,
and, from my youth, my truſt.
6 Thou from the womb didſt hold me up:
thou art the ſame that me
Out of my mother's bowels took;
I ever will praiſe thee.
7 To many I a wonder am;
but thou'rt my refuge ſtrong.
8 Fill'd let my mouth be with thy praiſe,
and honour all day long.
9 O do not caſt me off, when as
old age doth overtake me;
And, when my ſtrength decayed is,
then do not thou forſake me.
10 For thoſe that are mine enemies,
againſt me ſpeak with hate:
And they together counſel take,
that for my ſoul lay wait.
11 They ſaid, God leaves him; him purſue
and take: none will him ſave.
12 Be thou not far from me, my God:
thy ſpeedy help I crave.
13 Confound, conſume them, that unto
my ſoul are enemies:
Cloth'd be they with reproach and ſhame
that do my hurt deviſe.
14 But I with expectation
will hope continually;
And yet with praiſes more and more
I will thee magnify.
15 Thy juſtice and ſalvation
my mouth abroad ſhall ſhow
Ev'n all the day; for I thereof
the numbers do not know.

16 And I will constantly go on
in strength of God the Lord:
And thine own right'ousness, ev'n thine
alone, I will record.
17 For, even from my youth, O God,
by thee I have been taught;
And hitherto I have declar'd
the wonders thou hast wrought.
18 And now, Lord, leave me not, when I
old and gray-headed grow:
Till to this age thy strength and pow'r
to all to come I show.
19 And thy most perfect right'ousness,
O Lord, is very high,
Who hast so great things done: O God,
who is like unto thee?
20 Thou, Lord, who great adversities,
and sore to me didst show,
Shalt quicken, and bring me again
from depths of earth below.
21 My greatness, and my pow'r thou wilt
increase, and far extend:
On ev'ry side, against all grief,
thou wilt me comfort send.
22 Thee, ev'n thy truth, I'll also praise,
my God, with psaltery:
Thou holy One of Israel,
with harp I'll sing to thee.
23 My lips shall much rejoice in thee,
when I thy praises sound:
My soul, which thou redeemed hast,
in joy shall much abound.
24 My tongue thy justice shall proclaim,
continuing all day long:
For they confounded are, and sham'd,
that seek to do me wrong.

A Pſalm for Solomon.

This Pſalm was compoſed by David, about the time of Solomon's inſtalment in the throne of Iſrael, 1 Kings i. and ii. With reſpect to him, here is (1) Fervent prayer for proper qualifications to furniſh him for government, ver. 1. (2) Predictions of the peace, glory, extent, wealth, duration, and happineſs of his government, ver. 2,—17. (3) Praiſes to the God of Iſrael for his mercies to his people, ver. 18, 19.——But as our Redeemer is principally intended, we have concerning him (1) His furniture of the Holy Ghoſt above meaſure, to qualify him for his work, ver. 1. (2) The glories of his government; how righteous! how prudent! how orderly! how condeſcending! and merciful! how deſtructive to oppreſſors! how efficaciouſly productive of real religion! and how comfortable to his faithful ſubjects, his adminiſtrations are! ver. 2,—7. How extenſive his church, among all ranks and nations! how tender his care of the meaneſt of his ſubjects! how much he is revered and adored by them! how aſtoniſhing their increaſe, by means of his goſpel-truth preached! and how permanent and uſeful his government! ver. 10,—17. 5. (3) A ſolemn aſcription of all the praiſe of theſe wonderful works to God alone, with an earneſt requeſt and believing expectation, that his glory ſhall fill the whole earth, ver. 18, 19. ¶ While I ſing theſe lofty notes of the dying Pſalmiſt, let me admire, let me adore, let me ſing praiſes, to Jeſus my King. Let me rejoice in his highneſs, and in his extenſive uſefulneſs to men.

O LORD, thy judgments give the king,
his ſon thy righteouſneſs.
2 With right he ſhall thy people judge,
thy poor with uprightneſs.
3 The lofty mountains ſhall bring forth
unto the people peace;
Likewiſe the little hills the ſame
ſhall do, by righteouſneſs.
4 The people's poor ones he ſhall judge,
the needy's children ſave:
And thoſe ſhall he in pieces break,
who them oppreſſed have.
5 They ſhall thee fear, while ſun and moon
do laſt, through ages all.

6 Like rain on mown graſs he ſhall drop,
or ſhow'rs on earth that fall.

7 The juſt ſhall flouriſh in his days,
and proſper in his reign:
He ſhall, while doth the moon endure,
abundant peace maintain.

8 His large and great dominion ſhall
from ſea to ſea extend:
It from the river ſhall reach forth
unto earth's utmoſt end.

9 They in the wildernefs that dwell
bow down before him muſt:
And they that are his enemies
ſhall lick the very duſt.

10 The kings of Tarſhiſh and the iſles
to him ſhall preſents bring,
And unto him ſhall offer gifts
Sheba's and Seba's king.

11 Yea, all the mighty kings on earth
before him down ſhall fall:
And all the nations of the world
do ſervice to him ſhall.

12 For he the needy ſhall preſerve,
when he to him doth call:
The poor alſo, and him that hath
no help of man at all.

13 The poor man, and the indigent,
in mercy he ſhall ſpare:
He ſhall preſerve alive the ſouls
of thoſe that needy are.

14 Both from deceit and violence
their ſoul he ſhall ſet free;
And in his ſight right precious
and dear their blood ſhall be.

15 Yea, he ſhall live, and giv'n to him
ſhall be of Sheba's gold;

For him ſtill ſhall they pray, and he
ſhall daily be extoll'd.
16 Of corn an handful in the earth,
on tops of mountains high,
With proſp'rous fruit ſhall ſhake, like trees
on Lebanon that be.

The city ſhall be flouriſhing,
her citizens abound
In number ſhall, like to the graſs
that grows upon the ground.
17 His name for ever ſhall endure,
laſt like the ſun it ſhall:
Men ſhall be bleſt in him, and bleſt
all nations ſhall him call.

18 Now, bleſſed be the Lord our God,
the God of Iſrael;
For he alone doth wondrous works,
in glory that excel.
19 And bleſſed be his glorious name
to all eternity;
The whole earth let his glory fill:
Amen, ſo let it be.

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YET God is good to Israel,
to each pure hearted one.
2 But as for me, my steps near slipt,
my feet were almost gone.
3 For I envious was, and grudg'd
the foolish folk to see,
When I perceiv'd the wicked sort
enjoy prosperity.

4 For still their strength continueth firm;
their death of bands is free.
5 They are not toil'd as other men,
nor plagu'd as others be.
6 Therefore their pride, like to a chain,
them compasseth about:
And, as a garment, violence
doth cover them throughout.

7 Their eyes stand out with fat; they have
more than their hearts could wish.
8 They are corrupt; their talk of wrong
both lewd and lofty is.
9 They set their mouth against the heav'ns
in their blasphemous talk;
And their reproaching tongue through
the earth at large doth walk.

10 His people oftentimes for this
look back, and turn about;

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YET God is good to Iſrael,
to each pure hearted one.
2 But as for me, my ſteps near ſlipt,
my feet were almoſt gone.
3 For I envious was, and grudg'd
the fooliſh folk to ſee,
When I perceiv'd the wicked ſort
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4 For ſtill their ſtrength continueth firm;
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in their blaſphemous talk;
And their reproaching tongue throughout
the earth at large doth walk.

10 His people oftentimes for this
look back, and turn about;

Sith waters of ſo full a cup
to theſe are poured out.
11 And thus they ſay, How can it be
that God theſe things doth know?
Or, can there in the higheſt be
knowledge of things below?

12 Behold, theſe are the wicked ones,
yet proſper at their will
In worldly things, they do increaſe
in wealth and riches ſtill.
13 I, verily, have done in vain
my heart to purify;
To no effect in innocence
waſhed my hands have I.

14 For daily, and all day throughout,
great plagues I ſuffer'd have;
Yea, ev'ry morning I of new
did chaſtiſement receive.
15 If in this manner fooliſhly
to ſpeak I would intend,
Thy children's generation,
behold, I ſhould offend.

16 When I this thought to know, it was
too hard a thing for me:
17 Till to God's ſanctuary I went,
then I their end did ſee.
18 Aſſuredly thou didſt them ſet,
a ſlipp'ry place upon:
Them ſuddenly thou caſtedſt down
into deſtruction.

19 How in a moment ſuddenly
to ruin brought are they!
With fearful terrors utterly
they are conſum'd away.
20 Ev'n like unto a dream, when one
from ſleeping doth ariſe:

So thou, O Lord, when thou awak'ſt,
their image ſhalt deſpiſe.

21 Thus grieved was my heart in me,
and me my reins oppreſt:
22 So rude was I, and ignorant,
and in thy ſight a beaſt.
23 Nevertheleſs continually,
O Lord, I am with thee:
Thou doſt me hold by my right-hand,
and ſtill upholdeſt me.

24 Thou, with thy counſel, while I live,
wilt me conduct and guide;
And to thy glory afterward
receive me to abide.
25 Whom have I in the heavens high,
but thee, O Lord, alone?
And in the earth, whom I deſire
beſides thee, there is none.

26 My fleſh and heart doth faint and fail,
but God doth fail me never:
For of my heart God is the ſtrength,
and portion for ever.
27 For lo, they that are far from thee,
for ever periſh ſhall;
Them that a whoring from thee go,
thou haſt deſtroyed all.

28 But ſurely it is good for me,
that I draw near to God,
In God I truſt, that all thy works
I may declare abroad.

15 Thou clav'ſt the fountain and the flood,
which did with ſtreams abound:
Thou dry'dſt the mighty waters up,
unto the very ground.

16 Thine only is the day, O Lord,
thine alſo is the night:
And thou alone prepared haſt
the ſun and ſhining light.

17 By thee the borders of the earth
were ſettled ev'ry where:
The ſummer and the winter both
by thee created were.

18 That th' enemy reproached hath,
O keep it in record;
And that the fooliſh people have
blaſphem'd thy name, O Lord.

19 Unto the multitude do not
thy turtle's ſoul deliver:
The congregation of thy poor
do not forget for ever.

20 Unto thy cov'nant have reſpect:
for earth's dark places be
Full of the habitations
of horrid cruelty.

21 O let not thoſe that be oppreſs'd
return again with ſhame:
Let thoſe that poor and needy are,
give praiſe unto thy name.

22 Do thou, O God, ariſe, and plead
the cauſe that is thine own:
Remember how thou art reproach'd
ſtill by the fooliſh one.

23 Do not forget the voice of thoſe
that are thine enemies:
Of thoſe the tumult ever grows,
that do againſt thee riſe.

To the chief Musician Al-taschith, *A Psalm or Song of* Asaph.

Here (1) David returns thanks to God, for advancing him to the throne of Israel; and resolves to act for the public welfare, ver. 1,—3. 9, 10. (2) He rebukes the insolence of such as opposed his advancement, which sprung from the sovereign disposal of God, the judge of the world; and denounceth their destruction, ver. 4,—8.—¶ While I sing, let me think of Jesus, whom God hath crowned with glory and honour; and of the infinite danger of opposing his government. And if he exalt me to the spiritual honours of his kingdom, let it be my care to glorify him, and to profit his people.

1 TO thee, O God, do we give thanks,
we do give thanks to thee:
Because thy wond'rous works declare
thy great name near to be.

2 I purpose, when I shall receive
the congregation,
That I shall judgment uprightly
render to ev'ry one.

3 Dissolved is the land, with all
that in the same do dwell;
But I the pillars thereof do
bear up, and 'stablish well.

4 I to the foolish people said,
Do not deal foolishly;
And unto those that wicked are,
Lift not your horn on high.

5 Lift not your horn on high, nor speak
6 with stubborn neck. But know,
That not from east, nor west, nor south,
promotion doth flow.

7 But God is judge: he puts down one,
and sets another up.

8 For in the hand of God most high
of red wine is a cup:
'Tis full of mixture, he pours forth,
and makes the wicked all

Wring out the bitter dregs thereof;
yea, and they drink them shall.
9 But I for ever will declare,
I Jacob's God will praise.
10 All horns of lewd men I'll cut off;
but just men's horns will raise.

PSALM LXXVI.

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, *A Psalm or Song of* Asaph.

This Psalm is near a-kin to the 48th; and was penned on occasion of some remarkable victory; but whether in the days of David, Asa, Jehoshaphat, or Hezekiah, 2 Chron. xiv xx. xxxii is uncertain. We have in it, (1) Encouraging congratulations of the Church's happiness, in having God so manifested in her, and so near unto her; and in having his power so employed in her behalf, to the advancement of his own glory, and the destruction of her enemies, ver. 1,—5. (2) Important instructions how to improve this victory, to the terror of enemies, the comfort of saints, and the excitement of all to vow to God, and to obey and revere Him, ver. 7,—12.—¶ While I sing this, let my soul bless the Lord, that my lot hath been always cast in a land of gospel-light. Let me, with thankful heart, remember what He hath done for this church and land; and give Him the praise of every deliverance.—Let me never fear the rage of men; but, in every danger and doubt, commit my way to God, that he may bring it to pass.

IN Judah's land God is well known,
his name's in Isra'l great:
2 In Salem is his tabernacle,
in Sion is his seat.
3 There arrows of the bow he brake,
the shield, the sword, the war.
4 More glorious thou than hills of prey,
more excellent art far.

5 These that were stout of heart are spoil'd,
they slept their sleep outright:
And none of those their hands did find,
that were the men of might.

6 When thy rebuke, O Jacob's God,
had forth against them past,
Their horses and their chariots both
were in a dead sleep cast.

7 Thou, Lord, ev'n thou art he that should
be fear'd, and who is he
That may stand up before thy sight,
if once thou angry be?

8 From heav'n thou judgment caus'd be heard;
the earth was still with fear,

9 When God to judgment rose, to save
all meek on earth that were.

10 Surely the very wrath of man
unto thy praise redounds:
Thou to the remnant of his wrath
wilt set restraining bounds.

11 Vow to the Lord your God, and pay;
all ye that near him be,
Bring gifts and presents unto him:
for to be fear'd is he.

12 By him the sp'rits shall be cut off
of those that princes are:
Unto the kings that are on earth
he fearful doth appear.

PSALM LXXVII.

To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, *A Psalm of* Asaph.

This Psalm relates to (1) A most afflicted case, in which are remarkable, fervent and incessant prayers, agonizing restlessness, heart-overwhelming meditations, melancholy fears, and almost desperate out-cries concerning God, ver. 1.—9. The effectual cure of this mournful case, by serious meditation on, and solemn acknowledgment of the power, greatness, and grace of God, as our God;—and of the holiness and mysteriousness of his providential conduct, particularly in bringing Israel out of Egypt, and in leading them through the wilderness, to the promised land, ver. 10.—20.—¶ While I sing, let me stand in awe of that God, who so chastiseth his favourite saints. Let

sympathize with men of wounded spirits. If my soul is overwhelmed within me, let me call to mind the gracious character and great works of my God, for his church, or for my soul.

UNTO the Lord I with my voice,
I unto God did cry,
Ev'n with my voice, and unto me
his ear he did apply.

2 I in my trouble sought the Lord,
my sore by night did run,
And ceased not: my grieved soul
did consolation shun.

3 I to remembrance God did call,
yet trouble did remain:
And overwhelm'd my spirit was,
whilst I did sore complain.

4 Mine eyes, debarr'd from rest and sleep,
thou makest still to wake:
My trouble is so great, that I
unable am to speak.

5 The days of old to mind I call'd,
and oft did think upon
The times and ages that are past
full many years agone.

6 By night my song I call to mind,
and commune with my heart,
My sp'rit did carefully enquire
how I might ease my smart.

7 For ever will the Lord cast off,
and gracious be no more?

8 For ever is his mercy gone?
fails his word evermore?

9 Is't true, that to be gracious
the Lord forgotten hath?
And that his tender mercies he
hath shut up in his wrath?

10 Then did I say, That surely this
is mine infirmity:

I'll mind the years of the right hand
of him that is moſt High.
11 Yea, I remember will the works
performed by the Lord:
The wonders done of old by thee,
I ſurely will record.

12 I alſo will of all thy works
my meditation make,
And of thy doings to diſcourſe
great pleaſure I will take.
13 O God, thy way moſt holy is
within thy ſanctuary:
And what God is ſo great in pow'r,
as is our God moſt high?

14 Thou art the God that wonders doſt
by thy right hand moſt ſtrong;
Thy mighty pow'r thou haſt declar'd
the nations among.
15 To thine own people, with thine arm,
thou didſt redemption bring;
To Jacob's ſons, and to the tribes
of Joſeph that do ſpring.

16 The waters, Lord, perceived thee,
the waters ſaw thee well:
And they for fear aſide did flee;
the depths on trembling fell.
17 The clouds in water forth were pour'd,
ſound loudly did the ſky:
And ſwiftly through the world abroad,
thine arrows fierce did fly.

18 Thy thunder's voice alongſt the heav'n
a mighty noiſe did make:
By light'nings light'ned was the world,
th' earth tremble did and ſhake.
19 Thy way is in the ſea, and in
the waters great thy path;

Yet are thy footsteps hid, O Lord,
none knowledge thereof hath.

20 Thy people thou didst safely lead
like to a flock of sheep,
By Moses' hand, and Aaron's, thou
didst them conduct and keep.

PSALM LXXVIII.

Maschil of Asaph.

This Psalm is a brief but instructive history of the transactions between Israel and their God, for about four hundred and eighty years, from Moses to David. Here is (1) The introduction, containing a solemn call to an attentive consideration of God's words and works, in order to a faithful transmitting of the knowledge thereof, to posterity, that they might set their hope in God, and reform from their father's wickedness, ver. 1,—8. (2) The history itself; in which are exhibited (1) God's favours to Israel before their settlement in Canaan, in plaguing the Egyptians; in dividing the Red-sea; in giving them water from the rock, and manna from heaven; in bringing them into Canaan notwithstanding of their unnumbered provocations, particularly their forgetfulness of his mighty works, their ingratitude for his favours, their murmuring against his trying dispensations, their eagerness to satiate their lusts with his benefits, their impenitent obduracy, or hypocritical repentance under his rebukes, ver. 9,—55. (2) Their ingratitude, treachery, and idolatry, after their entrance into Canaan;—with God's righteous resentment thereof, in removing his tabernacle from Shiloh, and in delivering up his ark and people into the hand of the Philistines, ver. 56,—64. (3) God's merciful return to them, in obliging the Philistines by the plague of emrods, to restore his ark; and in, at length, providing an habitation for it at Jerusalem; and in raising up and qualifying David, a descendent of Judah, to govern them in a manner both honourable and happy, ver. 65,—72. These things are more largely recorded in the books of Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, 1st and 2d Samuels, and part of 1st Kings. ¶ While I sing them, let me with grief and shame remember my own and my fathers' transgressions against the Lord. Let me adore the infinite patience, power and mercy, holiness and equity of God. Let me bless his holy name, for the multitude of his undeserved favours towards me, and towards the Church. And though he cause grief, let me hope, That in due time, he will have compassion.

ATTEND, my people, to my law,
thereto give thou an ear:
The words that from my mouth proceed,
attentively do hear.
2 My mouth shall speak a parable,
and sayings dark of old:
3 The fame which we have heard and known,
and us our fathers told.
4 We also will them not conceal
from their posterity:
Them to the generation
to come declare will we:
The praises of the Lord our God,
and his almighty strength,
The wond'rous works that he hath done,
we will shew forth at length.
5 His testimony and his law
in Isra'l he did place,
And charg'd our fathers it to show
to their succeeding race.
6 That so the race which was to come,
might well them learn and know;
And sons unborn, who should arise
might to their sons them show.
7 That they might set their hope in God,
and suffer not to fall
His mighty works out of their mind,
but keep his precepts all;
8 And might not, like their fathers, be
a stiff rebellious race,
A race not right in heart; with God
whose sp'rit not stedfast was.
9 The sons of Ephra'm, who nor bows,
nor other arms did lack,
When as the day of battle was,
they faintly turned back.

10 They brake God's cov'nant, and refus'd
in his commands to go.
11 His works and wonders they forgot,
which he to them did ſhow.

12 Things marvellous he brought to paſs,
their fathers them beheld
Within the land of Egypt done,
yea, ev'n in Zoan's field.
13 By him divided was the ſea,
he caus'd them through to paſs;
And made the waters ſo to ſtand;
as like an heap it was.

14 With cloud by day, with light of fire
all night he did them guide.
15 In deſert, rocks he clave, and drink
as from great depths ſupply'd.
16 He from the rock brought ſtreams, like floods
made waters to run down.
17 Yet ſinning more, in deſert they
provok'd the higheſt One.

18 For in their heart they tempted God,
and, ſpeaking with miſtruſt,
They greedily did meat require
to ſatisfy their luſt.
19 Againſt the Lord himſelf they ſpake,
and murmuring, ſaid thus,
A table in the wilderneſs
can God prepare for us?

20 Behold, he ſmote the rock, and thence
came ſtreams and waters great;
But can he give his people bread?
and ſend them fleſh to eat?
21 The Lord did hear, and waxed wroth,
ſo kindled was a flame
'Gainſt Jacob, and 'gainſt Iſrael
up indignation came.

22 For they believ'd not God, nor truſt
in his ſalvation had.
23 Though clouds above he did command,
and heav'n's doors open made;
24 And manna-rain'd on them, and gave
them corn of heav'n to eat.
25 Man angels' food did eat, to them
he to the full ſent meat.

26 And in the heaven he did cauſe
an eaſtern wind to blow;
And by his power he let out
the ſouthern wind to go.
27 Then fleſh as thick as duſt he made
to rain down them among;
And feather'd fowls, like as the ſand
which ly'th the ſhore along.

28 At his command, amidſt their camp
theſe ſhow'rs of fleſh down fell,
All round about the tabernacles,
and tents where they did dwell.
29 So did they eat abundantly,
and had of meat their fill;
For he did give to them what was
their own deſire and will.

30 They from their luſt had not eſtrang'd
their heart and their deſire;
But while the meat was in their mouths,
which they did ſo require,
31 God's wrath upon them came, and ſlew
the fatteſt of them all;
So that the choice of Iſrael,
o'erthrown by death, did fall.

32 Yet, notwithſtanding of all this,
they ſinned ſtill the more;
And tho' he had great wonders wrought,
believ'd him not therefore.

33 Wherefore their days in vanity
he did conſume and waſte;
And by his wrath their wretched years
away in trouble paſt.

34 But when he ſlew them, then they did
to ſeek him ſhew deſire:
Yea, they return'd, and after God
right early did enquire.

35 And that the Lord had been their rock
they did remember then;
Ev'n that the high almighty God
had their redeemer been.

36 Yet with their mouth they flatter'd him,
and ſpake but feignedly;
And they unto the God of truth
with their falſe tongues did lie.

37 For tho' their words were good, their heart
with him was not ſincere:
Unſtedfaſt and perfidious
they in his cov'nant were.

38 But full of pity, he forgave
their ſin, them did not ſlay:
Nor ſtirr'd up all his wrath, but oft
his anger turn'd away.

39 For that they were but fading fleſh
to mind he did recal,
A wind that paſſeth ſoon away,
and not returns at all.

40 How often did they him provoke
within the wilderneſs;
And in the deſert did him grieve
with their rebelliouſneſs?

41 Yea, turning back, they tempted God,
and limits ſet upon
Him, who in midſt of Iſrá'l is
the only holy One.

42 They did not call to mind his pow'r,
nor yet the day when he
Deliver'd them out of the hand
of their fierce enemy.
43 Nor how great ſigns in Egypt land
he openly had wrought,
What miracles in Zoan's field
his hand to paſs had brought.
44 How lakes and rivers ev'ry-where
he turned into blood;
So that nor man nor beaſt could drink
of ſtanding lake or flood.
45 He brought among them ſwarms of flies,
which did them ſore annoy;
And divers kinds of filthy frogs
he ſent them to deſtroy.
46 He to the caterpillar gave
the fruits of all their ſoil;
Their labours he deliver'd up
unto the locuſts ſpoil.
47 Their vines with hail, their ſycomores
he with the froſt did blaſt.
48 Their beaſts to hail he gave, their flocks
hot thunder-bolts did waſte.
49 Fierce burning wrath he on them caſt,
and indignation ſtrong,
And troubles ſore, by ſending forth
ill angels them among.
50 He to his wrath made way, their ſoul
from death he did not ſave;
But over to the peſtilence
the lives of them he gave.
51 In Egypt-land the firſt-born all
he ſmote down ev'ry-where;
Among the tents of Ham, ev'n theſe
chief of their ſtrength that were.

52 But his own people, like to sheep,
thence to go forth he made;
And he amidst the wilderness
them, as a flock, did lead.

53 And he them safely on did lead,
so that they did not fear:
Whereas their en'mies by the sea
quite overwhelmed were.

54 To borders of his sanctuary
the Lord his people led,
Ev'n to the mount, which his right hand
for them had purchased.

55 The nations of Canaan,
by his Almighty hand,
Before their face he did expel
out of their native land;
Which for inheritance to them,
by line he did divide,
And made the tribes of Israel
within their tents abide.

56 Yet God most high they did provoke,
and tempted ever still;
And to observe his testimonies
did not incline their will.

57 But like their fathers turned back,
and dealt unfaithfully:
Aside they turned, like a bow
that shoots deceitfully.

58 For they to anger did provoke
him with their places high;
And with their graven images
mov'd him to jealousy.

59 When God heard this, he waxed wroth,
and much loath'd Isra'l then:

60 So Shiloh's tent he left, the tent
which he had plac'd with men:

61 And he his ſtrength delivered
into captivity;
He left his glory in the hand
of his proud enemy.
62 His people alſo he gave o'er
unto the ſword's fierce rage:
So ſore his wrath inflamed was
againſt his heritage.

63 The fire conſum'd their choice young men:
their maids no marriage had:
64 And when their prieſts fell by the ſword,
their wives no mourning made.
65 But then the Lord aroſe, as one
that doth from ſleep awake;
And like a giant, that, by wine
refreſh'd, a ſhout doth make.

66 Upon his en'mies hinder parts
he made his ſtroke to fall;
And ſo upon them he did put
a ſhame perpetual.
67 Moreover he the tabernacle
of Joſeph did refuſe;
The mighty tribe of Ephraim
he would in no wiſe chuſe.

68 But he did chuſe Jehudah's tribe
to be the reſt above;
And of mount Zion he made choice,
which he ſo much did love.
69 And he his ſanctuary built
like to a palace high;
Like to the earth which he did found
to perpetuity.

70 Of David, that his ſervant was,
he alſo choice did make,
And even from the folds of ſheep
was pleaſed him to take:

71 From waiting on the ews with young,
he brought him forth to feed
Israel, his inheritance,
his people, Jacob's seed.

72 So after the integrity
he of his heart them fed;
And by the good skill of his hands
them wisely governed.

PSALM LXXIX.

A Psalm of Asaph.

This Psalm relates to the havock made of the Jewish capital and nation, by the Chaldeans and Syrogrecians as typical of the afflictions of the gospel-church. Observe (1) How deplorable the condition of these people of God was, when their enemies raged against their dwellings, persons, and characters; and their God himself long continued the tokens of his just displeasure, ver. 1,—5. (2) Their humble, but fervent, supplications, for the just punishment of their heathen enemies; and for divine pity, pardon, and help, to themselves, ver. 6,—12. (3) The pleas wherewith they enforce their requests; viz. God's relation to them, as their God and Shepherd; and the tendency of what they asked to promote the declarative glory of his name, ver. 1. 6, 9, 10. 13.——¶ While I sing, let my soul have a deep sympathy with the afflicted members of Christ: Let me bless his holy name, that I am not in similar circumstances. Let me lay before the Lord the spiritual injuries, which Satan and my lusts have done to my soul, and to the church of God; and let me cry bitterly for his merciful rising up to destroy them, and to shew me his salvation.

O GOD, the heathen entred have
thine heritage; by them
Defiled is thy house: on heaps
they laid Jerusalem.

2 The bodies of thy servants they
have cast forth, to be meat
To rav'nous fowls, thy dear saints' flesh
they gave to beasts to eat.

3 Their blood about Jerusalem
like water they have shed:

And there was none to bury them
when they were ſlain and dead.
4 Unto our neighbours a reproach
moſt baſe become are we:
A ſcorn and laughing-ſtock to them
that round about us be.

5 How long, Lord, ſhall thine anger laſt?
wilt thou ſtill keep the ſame?
And ſhall thy fervent jealouſy
burn like unto a flame?
6 On heathen pour thy fury forth,
that have thee never known,
And on thoſe kingdoms which thy name
have never call'd upon.

7 For theſe are they who Jacob have
devoured cruelly;
And they his habitation
have cauſed waſte to ly.
8 Againſt us mind not former ſins:
thy tender mercies ſhow:
Let them prevent us ſpeedily,
for we're brought very low.

9 For thy name's glory help us, Lord,
who haſt our Saviour been;
Deliver us for thy name's ſake
O purge away our ſin.
10 Why ſay the heathen, Where's their God?
let him to them be known,
When thoſe who ſhed thy ſervants' blood
are in our ſight o'erthrown.

11 O let the pris'ners' ſighs aſcend
before thy ſight on high:
Preſerve thoſe in thy mighty pow'r,
that are deſign'd to die.
12 And to our neighbour's boſom cauſe
it ſev'nfold render'd be,

Ev'n the reproach wherewith they have,
O Lord, reproached thee:
13 So we thy folk, and pasture-sheep,
shall give thee thanks always:
And unto generations all
we will shew forth thy praise.

PSALM LXXX.

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, Eduth,
A Psalm of Asaph.

This Psalm relates to the distressed condition of the Hebrew church and nation, perhaps during the Syrian, Assyrian, or Chaldean invasions, 2 Kings xii. xiii. xv. xvii. xviii. xix. xxiv. xxv. Here are (1) Earnest supplications for God's special presence and favour, ver. 1,—3. 7. 19. (2) Mournful complaints of the lasting appearances of God's anger; of the overflowings of their grief; of abuse and derision by their neighbours; and of the unhinging of their constitution, which God himself had fixed, when he brought them out of Egypt, ver. 4,—13. (3) Further supplications, that God would consider and pity his vineyard, their church and nation; assist their king his vine-dresser; and convert them to, and quicken them in his service, ver. 14,—19 ——— ¶ While I sing, let me be affected with the distresses of God's church. Let me pant for the fullest manifestations of his glory, and the blessings of his presence. Let me insist, That his Spirit may glorify Jesus Christ, the great Man of his right hand, in taking what is his, and shewing it unto me.

HEAR, Isra'l's shepherd, like a flock
thou that dost Joseph guide;
Shine forth, O thou that dost between
the cherubims abide.
2 In Ephraim's and Benjamin's,
and in Manasseh's sight,
O come for our salvation,
stir up thy strength and might.
3 Turn us again, O Lord our God,
and upon us vouchsafe
To make thy countenance to shine,
and so we shall be safe.

4 O Lord of hosts, almighty God,
how long shall kindled be
Thy wrath against the prayer made
by thine own folk to thee?

5 Thou tears of sorrow giv'st to them,
instead of bread, to eat:
Yea, tears instead of drink thou giv'st
to them in measure great.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto
our neighbours round about:
Our enemies among themselves
at us do laugh and flout.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts,
and upon us vouchsafe
To make thy countenance to shine,
and so we shall be safe.

8 A vine from Egypt brought thou hast,
by thine out-stretched hand:
And thou the heathen out didst cast,
and plant it in their land.

9 Before it thou a room didst make,
where it might grow and stand:
Thou causedst it deep root to take,
and it did fill the land.

10 The mountains vail'd were with its shade
as with a covering;
Like goodly cedars were the boughs
which out from it did spring.

11 Upon the one hand, to the sea
her boughs she did out send;
On th' other side, unto the flood
her branches did extend.

12 Why hast thou then thus broken down,
and ta'en her hedge away,
So that all passengers do pluck,
and make of her a prey?

13 The boar who from the foreſt comes,
doth waſte it at his pleaſure;
The wild beaſt of the field alſo
devours it out of meaſure.

14 O God of hoſts, we thee beſeech,
return now unto thine:
Look down from heav'n in love, behold
and viſit this thy vine;

15 This vineyard which thine own right-hand
hath planted us among.
And that ſame branch, which for thyſelf
thou haſt made to be ſtrong.

16 Burnt up it is with flaming fire,
it alſo is cut down:
They utterly are periſhed
when as thy face doth frown.

17 O let thy hand be ſtill upon
the man of thy right-hand,
The Son of man, whom for thyſelf
thou madeſt ſtrong to ſtand.

18 So henceforth we will not go back,
nor turn from thee at all:
O do thou quicken us, and we
upon thy name will call.

19 Turn us again, Lord God of hoſts,
and upon us vouchſafe
To make thy countenance to ſhine,
and ſo we ſhall be ſafe.

PSALM LXXXI.

To the chief Muſician upon Gittith, *A Pſalm of* Aſaph.

This Pſalm was probably compoſed for the Feaſt of Trumpets, on the firſt day of the 7th month, Lev. xxiii. 24. Here are (1) Solemn exhortations to praiſe God, for what he is to his people; and for what he hath done for them, ver 1,—7. (2) Inſtructions concerning God's new covenant-grant of himſelf, and his benefits to men; and their ungrateful refuſal

thereof; and the misery they incur, and happiness they lose thereby, ver. 8,—16. ——¶ While I sing, let my soul consider, what God is to, hath done for, and given to, MEN,—to ME:—and let all my inward powers stedfastly believe his declarations, and eagerly embrace his offers. Let my heart be filled with grief, that ever I refused to hear my own gracious God speaking from heaven, and offering to ME, all the unsearchable riches of Christ.

SING loud to God our strength: with joy
to Jacob's God do sing.
2 Take up a psalm, the pleasant harp,
timbrel and psalt'ry bring.
3 Blow trumpets at new-moon, what day
our feast appointed is.
4 For charge to Isra'l and a law
of Jacob's God was this.
5 To Joseph this a testimony
he made, when Egypt land
He travell'd through, where speech I heard
I did not understand.
6 His shoulder I from burdens took,
his hands from pots did free.
7 Thou didst in trouble on me call,
and I deliver'd thee;
In secret place of thundering
I did thee answer make;
And at the streams of Meribah
of thee a proof did take.
8 O thou my people, give an ear,
I'll testify to thee:
To thee, O Isra'l, if thou wilt
but hearken unto me.
9 In midst of thee there shall not be
any strange god at all:
Nor unto any god unknown
thou bowing down shalt fall.
10 I am the Lord thy God, which did
from Egypt land thee guide:

I'll fill thy mouth abundantly,
do thou it open wide.

11 But yet my people to my voice
would not attentive be;
And ev'n my choſen Iſrael
he would have none of me.

12 So to the luſt of their own hearts
I them delivered:
And then in counſels of their own
they vainly wandered.

13 O that my people had me heard,
Iſra'l my ways had choſe!

14 I had their en'mies ſoon ſubdu'd,
my hand turn'd on their foes.

15 The haters of the Lord, to him
ſubmiſſion ſhould have feign'd:
But as for them, their time ſhould have
for evermore remain'd.

16 He ſhould have alſo fed them with
the fineſt of the wheat:
Of honey from the rock, thy fill
I ſhould have made thee eat.

PSALM LXXXII.

A Pſalm of Aſaph.

This Pſalm was probably penned for the direction and warning of the Jewiſh courts of judicature. It repreſents (1) The dignity of Magiſtrates, and their dependence on God, as their ſovereign Governor and Judge, ver. 1. 6, (2) Their duty, ver. 3, 4. (3) Their too frequent degeneracy and miſchievouſneſs; and the juſt puniſhment thereof, ver. 2. 5. 7. (4) The ſaints requeſt for the eſtabliſhment of God's kingdom in the world, ver. 8.—¶ While I ſing, let me ſtand in awe of JEHOVAH's authority and preſence. Let me remember, I muſt be anſwerable to him for all my conduct. Let me be affected with my meanneſs and corruption. Let me revere Magiſtrates as the deputies of God on earth. And in every ſtation, in which God placeth me, let my care be, in all things, to live honeſtly, and to cry mightily, that the kingdoms of this

world may quickly be made the kingdoms of my Lord and of his Christ.

IN gods' assembly God doth stand:
he judgeth gods among.
2 How long, accepting persons vile,
will ye give judgment wrong?
3 Defend the poor and fatherless:
to poor oppress'd do right.
4 The poor and needy ones set fr[illegible]:
rid them from ill men's mi[illegible].
5 They know not, nor will understand;
in darkness they walk on;
All the foundations of the earth
out of their course are gone.
6 I said that you are gods, and are
sons of the Highest all:
7 But ye shall die like men, and as
one of the princes fall.
8 O God, do thou raise up thyself,
the earth to judgment call:
For thou, as thine inheritance,
shalt take the nations all.

PSALM LXXXIII.

A Song or Psalm of Asaph.

This Psalm relates to some combination of the heathens around, against the Hebrews, either in the days of David, 2 Sam. viii. or x.; or of Jehoshaphat, 2 Chron. xx. And contains (1) A solemn remonstrance to God, concerning their malicious designs against his church and honour, ver. 1.—8. (2) Fervent supplications to God, that he would defeat these attempts; protect and preserve his church; humble his enemies; and glorify himself in the world, ver. 9.—18.——

¶ While I sing, let me be affected, with the inward combinations of my own lusts, with Satan and the world; and with the joint endeavours of open enemies and naughty professors, against the church and interests of Christ;—and commit the cause to God, who judgeth righteously.

PSALM LXXXIII.

1 Not, O God, we thee intreat,
Keep not silence now:
Hold not thou thy peace, O God,
And still no more be thou.

2 For lo, thine enemies a noise,
tumultuously have made:
And they that haters are of thee,
have lifted up the head.

3 Against thy chosen people they
do crafty counsel take,
And they against thy hidden ones
do consultations make.

4 Come, let us cut them off, said they,
from being a nation;
That of the name of Isra'l may
no more be mention.

5 For with joint heart they plot; in league
against thee they combine.

6 The tents of Edom, Ishma'lites,
Moab's, and Hagar's line.

7 Gebal, and Ammon, Amalek,
Philistines, those of Tyre;

8 And Assur join'd with them: to help
Lot's children they conspire.

9 Do to them, as to Midian,
Jabin at Kison strand;

10 And Sis'ra, which at Endor fell,
as dung to fat the land.

11 Like Oreb, and like Zeeb make
their noble men to fall:
Like Zeba, and Zalmunna-like,
make thou their princes all:

12 Who said, For our possession
let us God's houses take.

13 My God, them like a wheel, as chaff
before the wind, them make.

14 As fire conſumes the wood, as flame
doth mountains ſet on fire:
15 Chaſe and affright them with the ſtorm
and tempeſt of thine ire.
16 Their faces fill with ſhame, O Lord,
that they may ſeek thy name.
17 Let them confounded be, and vex'd,
and periſh in their ſhame:
18 That men may know, that thou to whom
alone doth appertain
The name JEHOVAH, doſt moſt high
o'er all the earth remain.

PSALM LXXXIV.

To the chief Muſician, upon Gittith, *A Pſalm for the ſons of* Korah.

This Pſalm is much a-kin to Pſalm 27th, 42d, 43d, and 63d, and might be compoſed on the ſame occaſion with the former, when David was baniſhed from Jeruſalem by Abſalom his ſon, 2 Sam. xv, xvi. We have here (1) David's ardent affection towards the public ordinances of God; and ſenſe of their happineſs who enjoyed them, ver. 1,—7. 10. (2) His heart-burning deſire to the God of ordinances, ver. 8, 9. (3) His aſſured faith of God's kindneſs; and perſuaſion of the happineſs of ſuch as truſt in him, ver. 11, 12.——¶ So let my heart cry out, for God, the living God. So let me covet earneſtly intimate fellowſhip with him, in his ordinances. So let me praiſe his name, and hold on in his way, till I arrive at the Zion above.—So let God be my Friend, my Protector, my Supplier, my Store, and the everlaſting Rock of my reſt.

HOW lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hoſts, to me!
The tabernacles of thy grace;
how pleaſant, Lord, they be!
2 My thirſty ſoul longs veh'mently,
yea, faints thy courts to ſee:
My very heart and fleſh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

3 Behold, the ſparrow findeth out,
an houſe wherein to reſt;
The ſwallow alſo for herſelf
hath purchaſed a neſt,
Ev'n thine own altars *; where ſhe ſafe
her young ones forth may bring;
O thou Almighty, Lord of hoſts,
who art my God and King.

4 Bleſs'd are they in thy houſe that dwell,
they ever give thee praiſe.

5 Bleſs'd is the man whoſe ſtrength thou art,
in whoſe heart are thy ways.

6 Who, paſſing thorough Baca's vale,
therein do dig up wells;
Alſo the rain that falleth down
the pools with water fills.

7 So they from ſtrength unweary'd go
ſtill forward unto ſtrength,
Until in Sion they appear,
before the Lord at length.

8 Lord God of hoſts, my prayer hear:
O Jacob's God, give ear.

9 See, God our ſhield, look on the face
of thine anointed dear.

* To me, it is inconceivable, how ſparrows or ſwallows could fix their neſts in the altars of God, which were of brass or rough ſtones, and had a fire perpetually burning upon them; and multitudes of prieſts and Levites crouding around them. God did not allow of any trees to be planted near to them. I cannot believe God's tabernacle or temple was polluted with the neſts and ordure of birds, in the manner of our ruinous churches. Nor, can I ſee this idea anſwerable to the context, or ſcope of the Pſalm: Might not the verſe be rather tranſlated, "As the ſparrow findeth the houſe, and the ſwallow the neſt "for herſelf, where ſhe hath put her young ones, my ſoul find-"eth thine altars, O Lord of hoſts, my King and my God:"—i. e. with inexpreſſible ardor I long for, and deſire them; and with ineffable pleaſure I approach them, in order to intimate ſhip with my God. Compare ver. 1, 2. 10. of this Pſalm, "as xlii. 1, 2.——xliii. 3, 4.

10 For in thy courts one day excels
a thousand: rather in
My God's house will I keep a door,
than dwell in tents of sin.
11 For God the Lord's a sun and shield:
he'll grace and glory give:
And will with-hold no good from them
that uprightly do live.
12 O thou that art the Lord of hosts,
the man is truly blest,
Who by assured confidence
on thee alone doth rest.

PSALM LXXXV.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

This Psalm relates to some remarkable deliverance of the Jewish nation; but whether that effected by the advancement of David, to the throne, or that from the Assyrian invasion, 2 Kings xix; or from the Chaldean captivity, Ezra i. is uncertain. It contains (1) Thankful acknowledgments of divine favours received, ver. 1,—3. (2) Supplications that further favours and deliverances may be speedily bestowed, ver. 4,—7. (3) Firm expectations of a gracious answer, in the coming, mediation, and blessings of the Messiah, ver. 8,—13. ¶ While I sing, let my soul be affected with the mercies, which I, which Britain, which the Church of God, have enjoyed. Let me be thereby encouraged to plead for more. And, let me, without doubting, credit the promises, and expect supply from the fulness, of Christ.

O LORD, thou hast been favourable
to thy beloved land:
Jacob's captivity thou hast
recall'd with mighty hand.
2 Thou pardoned thy people hast
all their iniquities;
Thou all their trespasses and sins
hast cover'd from thine eyes.
3 Thou took'st off all thine ire, and turn'dst
from thy wrath's furiousness.

4 Turn us, God of our health, and cause
thy wrath 'gainst us to ceaſe.
5 Shall thy diſpleaſure thus endure,
againſt us without end?
Wilt thou to generations all
thine anger forth extend?

6 That in thee may thy people joy,
wilt thou not us revive?
7 Shew us thy mercy, Lord, to us
do thy ſalvation give.
8 I'll hear what God the Lord will ſpeak:
to his folk he'll ſpeak peace,
And to his ſaints: but let them not
return to fooliſhneſs.

9 To them that fear him, ſurely near
is his ſalvation;
That glory in our land may have
her habitation.
10 Truth met with mercy, right'ouſneſs
and peace kiſs'd mutually:
11 Truth ſprings from earth, and right'ouſneſs
looks down from heaven high.

12 Yea, what is good the Lord ſhall give;
our land ſhall yield increaſe.
13 Juſtice, to ſet us in his ſteps,
ſhall go before his face.

PSALM LXXXVI.

A Prayer of David.

This Pſalm contains (1) David's fervent ſupplications, That God would hear his prayers, ver. 1. 6, 7. mercifully preſerve and ſave him, ver. 2, 3. 16. afford him joy, ſtrength, and honour, ver. 4. 11. 17. (2) His pleas, wherewith he enforceth his prayers, drawn from the goodneſs of God, ver. 5. 13. 15.; his own relation to, and truſt in God, ver. 2. 4. 16.; his former experience of God's kindneſs, ver. 17.; and from the malice of his enemies, ver. 14. (3) His aſcrip-

tion of praiſe to God, as matchleſs, in his nature and work; as the ſole object of worſhip; and as great and infinitely gracious, ver. 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 ——¶ While I ſing, let me remember, that the Pſalmiſt hath left me an example, that I ſhould walk in his ſteps.

O LORD, do thou bow down thine ear,
and hear me graciouſly;
Becauſe I ſore afflicted am,
and am in poverty.

2 Becauſe I'm holy, let my ſoul
by thee preſerved be:
O thou my God, thy ſervant ſave
that puts his truſt in thee.

3 Sith unto thee I daily cry,
be merciful to me.

4 Rejoice thy ſervant's ſoul; for, Lord,
I lift my ſoul to thee.

5 For thou art gracious, O Lord,
and ready to forgive;
And rich in mercy, all that call
upon thee to relieve.

6 Hear, Lord, my pray'r: unto the voice
of my requeſt attend.

7 In troublous times I'll call on thee:
for thou wilt anſwer ſend.

8 Lord, there is none among the gods
that may with thee compare,
And like the works which thou haſt done,
not any work is there.

9 All nations whom thou mad'ſt, ſhall come
and worſhip rev'rently
Before thy face: and they, O Lord,
thy name ſhall glorify.

10 Becauſe thou art exceeding great,
and works by thee are done
Which are to be admir'd; and thou
art God thyſelf alone.

11 Teach me thy way, and in thy truth,
O Lord, then walk will I:
Unite my heart, that I thy name
may fear continually.
12 O Lord my God, with my whole heart
to thee I will give praiſe:
And I the glory will aſcribe
unto thy name always.

13 Becauſe thy mercy toward me
in greatneſs doth excel:
And thou deliver'd haſt my ſoul
out from the loweſt hell.
14 O God, the proud againſt me riſe,
and vi'lent men have met,
That for my ſoul have ſought; and thee
before them have not ſet.

15 But thou art full of pity, Lord,
a God moſt gracious;
Long-ſuffering, and in thy truth
and mercy plenteous.
16 O turn to me thy countenance,
and mercy on me have:
Thy ſervant ſtrengthen, and the ſon
of thine own hand-maid ſave.

17 Shew me a ſign for good, that they,
which do me hate, may ſee
And be aſham'd, becauſe thou, Lord,
didſt help and comfort me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

A Pſalm or Song for the ſons of Korah.

This Pſalm is an encomium upon Mount Zion, as typical of the Goſpel-church. (1) For the ſake of the Temple, Mount Zion is preferred to every other place in Canaan; as more honoured by God, and more delighted in by him, ver. 1.—3. (2) In reſpect of better inhabitants, greater ſtability, and more important joys and bleſſings, the Church is preferred to

all other nations, ver. 4.—7.——¶ While I ſing, let me obſerve the dignity of relation to JEHOVAH as my God. Let me praiſe him for founding his Church on Jeſus the unmoveable Rock of ages, that the gates of hell cannot prevail againſt her. Let me rejoice in the glorious promiſes made concerning her, and ſupplicate the ſpeedy, the remarkable fulfilment thereof. And while I with joy draw water out of her ordinances, her wells of ſalvation, let me live as an holy, a cheerful, member of her ſociety.

UPON the hills of holineſs
he his foundation ſets.
2 God, more than Jacob's dwellings all,
delights in Zion's gates.
3 Things glorious are ſaid of thee,
thou city of the Lord.
4 Rahab and Babel, I, to thoſe
that know me, will record:
Behold ev'n Tyrus, and with it
the land of Paleſtine,
And likewiſe Ethiopia:
this man was born therein.
5 And it of Zion ſhall be ſaid,
This man, and that man there
Was born: and he that is moſt high
himſelf ſhall 'ſtabliſh her.
6 When God the people writes, he'll count
that this man born was there.
7 There be that ſing, and play: and all
my well-ſprings in thee are.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

A Pſalm or Song for the ſons of Korah, *to the chief Muſician upon* Mahalath Leanoth, *Maſchil of* Heman *the* Ezrahite.

In this doleful Pſalm, after a very ſhort declaration of his faith, we have (1) Heman's bitter wailing over his diſtreſſed caſe, That his troubles were great; his body at the point of death; his ſoul filled with grief; his God hiding and angry; his mind diſtreſſed with terrors; and his friends unkind, ver.

3.—9. 14.—18. (2) His bitter groans to, and expoſtulations with God, importing, That he had long cried for mercy; that in death, nothing could be done for him, &c. ver. 1, 2. 9.—14. ¶ While I ſing, let me think, how dreadful hell muſt be, when even fatherly chaſtiſements are ſo ſevere; how dreadful the enormity of ſin, which provokes God ſo grievouſly to afflict his deareſt favourites; and how neceſſary it is to retain our faith of our relation to God, amidſt the worſt of troubles.

LORD God, my Saviour, day and night
before thee cry'd have I.
2 Before thee let my prayer come:
give ear unto my cry.
3 For troubles great do fill my ſoul:
my life draws nigh the grave.
4 I'm counted with thoſe that go down
to pit, and no ſtrength have.
5 Ev'n free among the dead, like them
that ſlain in grave do lie;
Cut off from thy hand, whom no more
thou haſt in mémory.
6 Thou haſt me laid in loweſt pit,
in deeps and darkſome caves.
7 Thy wrath lies hard on me, thou haſt
me preſs'd with all thy waves.
8 Thou haſt put far from me my friends:
thou madſt them to abhor me:
And I am ſo ſhut up, that I
find no evaſion for me.
9 By reaſon of affliction
mine eye mourns dolefully:
To thee, Lord, do I call, and ſtretch
my hands continually.
10 Wilt thou ſhew wonders to the dead?
ſhall they riſe and thee bleſs?
11 Shall in the grave thy love be told?
in death thy faithfulneſs?
12 Shall thy great wonders in the dark,
or ſhall thy righteouſ[illegible]

Be known to any in the land
of deep forgetfulneſs?

13 But, Lord, to thee I cry'd, my pray'r
at morn prevent ſhall thee.
14 Why, Lord, doſt thou caſt off my ſoul?
and hid'ſt thy face from me?
15 Diſtreſs'd am I, and from my youth
I ready am to die:
Thy terrors I have borne, and am
diſtracted fearfully.

16 The dreadful fierceneſs of thy wrath
quite over me doth go;
Thy terrors great have cut me off,
they did purſue me ſo.
17 For round about me ev'ry day
like waters they did roll;
And, gathering together, they
have compaſſed my ſoul.

18 My friends thou haſt put far from me,
and him that did me love;
And thoſe that mine acquaintance were
to darkneſs didſt remove.

PSALM LXXXIX.

Maſchil of Ethan *the* Ezrahite.

This Pſalm was perhaps compoſed on the occaſion of Abſalom's rebellion, 2 Sam. xv. or of the revolt of the ten tribes, from their ſubjection to the family of David, 1 Kings xii. or, it relates to the Chaldean oppreſſion and captivity, 2 Kings xxiv, xxv. In the firſt and joyful part, we have (1) The foundation of all comfort, happineſs, honour, and ſtability, laid in the mercy of God and his covenant with David,—emblematic of that made with Jeſus Chriſt, for the redemption of mankind, ver. 1,—4. (2) A celebration of the God of the Covenant, in his faithfulneſs, glory, greatneſs, mercy, and equity, and of his works, ver. 5,—14. And of the glorious dignity, happineſs, and ſafety of the covenant-people, ver. 15,—18. (3) A bundle of covenant-promiſes, ſecuring proper-

qualifications, and assistance and glory to the Head of the Covenant; and indefeasible blessings to his covenant-seed, notwithstanding their manifold sins and chastisements, ver. 19,—37.——In the 2d, and mournful, part, we have (1) Grievous lamentation over the dishonour, distress, and danger, of David's family, ver. 38,——45. (2) Expostulations with God, concerning the same, drawn from the continuance of trouble; the shortness of human life; and certainty of death; the withdrawment of former kindness promised in the Covenant; and the insolent reproaches of enemies, ver. 46,—51. (3) A triumphant conclusion of praise to God, ver. 52. ¶ While I sing, let me chiefly keep mine eyes on David's Lord. Let me, with joy, behold the covenant made with him, for our redemption. Let me adore my Covenant-God, as in him, well-pleased for his righteousness sake, and rendering him and his seed most blessed for evermore. And, as Jesus' sufferings for me, purchased my eternal happiness, let never my own, or the Church's troubles weaken my faith, or make me drop my songs of praise.

GOD's mercies I will ever sing:
and with my mouth I shall
Thy faithfulness make to be known
to generations all.

2 For mercy shall be built, said I,
for ever to endure;
Thy faithfulness ev'n in the heav'ns
thou wilt establish sure.

3 I with my chosen One have made
a cov'nant graciously;
And to my servant whom I lov'd,
to David sworn have I:

4 That I thy seed establish shall
for ever to remain;
And will to generations all
thy throne build and maintain.

5 The praises of thy wonders, Lord,
the heavens shall express:
And in the congregation
of saints, thy faithfulness.

6 For who in heaven with the Lord
may once himself compare?

Who is like God among the ſons
of thoſe that mighty are?

7 Great fear in meeting of the ſaints
is due unto the Lord:
And he, of all about him, ſhould
with rev'rence be ador'd.

8 O thou that art the Lord of hoſts,
what Lord in mightineſs
Is like to thee, who compaſs'd round
art with thy faithfulneſs?

9 Ev'n in the raging of the ſea
thou over it doſt reign:
And when the waves thereof do ſwell,
thou ſtilleſt them again.

10 Rahab in pieces thou didſt break,
like one that ſlaughter'd is;
And with thy mighty arm thou haſt
diſpers'd thine enemies.

11 The heav'ns are thine, thou for thine own
the earth doſt alſo take:
The world, and fulneſs of the ſame,
thy pow'r did found and make.

12 The north and ſouth from thee alone
their firſt beginning had:
Both Tabor mount and Hermon hill
ſhall in thy name be glad.

13 Thou haſt an arm that's full of pow'r,
thy hand is great in might:
And thy right hand exceedingly
exalted is in height.

14 Juſtice and judgment of thy throne
are made the dwelling-place:
Mercy, accompany'd with truth,
ſhall go before thy face.

15 O greatly bleſs'd the people are
the joyful ſound that know;

In brightneſs of thy face, O Lord,
they ever on ſhall go.
16 They in thy name ſhall all the day
rejoice exceedingly:
And in thy righteouſneſs ſhall they
exalted be on high.
17 Becauſe the glory of their ſtrength
doth only ſtand in thee:
And in thy favour ſhall our horn
and pow'r exalted be.
18 For God is our defence, and he
to us doth ſafety bring:
The holy One of Iſrael
is our almighty King.
19 In viſion to thy holy One,
thou ſaidſt, I help upon
A ſtrong one laid; out of the folk
I rais'd a choſen one.
20 Ev'n David, I have found him out
a ſervant unto me;
And, with my holy oil, my king
anointed him to be.
21 With whom my hand ſhall 'ſtabliſh'd be;
mine arm ſhall make him ſtrong.
22 On him the foe ſhall not exact,
nor ſon of miſchief wrong.
23 I will beat down before his face
all his malicious foes;
I will them greatly plague, who do
with hatred him oppoſe.
24 My mercy and my faithfulneſs
with him yet ſtill ſhall be:
And in my name his horn and pow'r
men ſhall exalted ſee.
25 His hand and pow'r ſhall reach afar,
— 'll ſet it in the ſea;

And his right hand eſtabliſhed
ſhall in the rivers be.

26 Thou art my Father, he ſhall cry,
thou art my God alone;
And he ſhall ſay, Thou art the rock
of my ſalvation.

27 I'll make him my firſt-born, more high
than kings of any land.

28 My love I'll ever keep for him,
my cov'nant faſt ſhall ſtand.

29 His ſeed I by my pow'r will make
for ever to endure;
And, as the days of heav'n, his throne
ſhall ſtable be and ſure.

30 But if his children ſhall forſake
my laws, and go aſtray,
And in my judgments ſhall not walk,
but wander from my way;

31 If they my laws break, and do not
keep my commandements:

32 I'll viſit then their faults with rods,
their ſins with chaſtiſements.

33 Yet I'll not take my love from him,
nor falſe my promiſe make.

34 My cov'nant I'll not break, nor change
what with my mouth I ſpake.

35 Once by my holineſs I ſware,
to David I'll not lie.

36 His ſeed and throne ſhall as the ſun
before me laſt for ay.

37 It, like the moon, ſhall ever be
eſtabliſh'd ſtedfaſtly;
And like to that which in the heav'n
doth witneſs faithfully.

38 But thou, diſpleaſed, haſt caſt off,
thou didſt abhor and lothe,

With him that thine anointed is,
thou haſt been very wroth.
39 Thou haſt thy ſervant's covenant
made void, and quite caſt by:
Thou haſt profan'd his crown, while it
caſt on the ground doth lie.
40 Thou all his hedges haſt broke down,
his ſtrong-holds down haſt torn.
41 He to all paſſers by a ſpoil,
to neighbours is a ſcorn.
42 Thou haſt ſet up his foes right-hand;
mad'ſt all his en'mies glad:
43 Turn'd his ſword's edge, and him to ſtand
in battle haſt not made.
44 His glory thou haſt made to ceaſe,
his throne to ground down caſt;
45 Short'ned his days of youth, and him
with ſhame thou cover'd haſt.
46 How long, Lord, wilt thou hide thyſelf,
for ever in thine ire?
And ſhall thine indignation
burn like unto a fire?
47 Remember, Lord, how ſhort a time
I ſhall on earth remain:
O wherefore is it ſo that thou
haſt made all men in vain?
48 What man is he that liveth here,
and death ſhall never ſee?
Or from the power of the grave
what man his ſoul ſhall free?
49 Thy former loving-kindneſſes,
O Lord, where be they now?
Theſe which in truth and faithfulneſs
to David ſworn haſt thou?
50 Mind, Lord, thy ſervant's ſad reproach;
how I in boſom bear

The scornings of the people all,
who strong and mighty are.

51 Wherewith thy raging enemies
reproach'd, O Lord, think on;
Wherewith they have reproach'd the steps
of thine anointed One.

52 All blessings to the Lord our God
let be ascribed then:
For evermore so let it be.
Amen, yea, and amen.

PSALM XC.

A Prayer of Moses, the Man of God.

This Psalm was compos'd by Moses, the Man of God, some time after God had sentenced the Hebrews to wandering and death, in the wilderness, Num. xiv. In it, (1) Moses comforts himself and his people with the eternal and unchangeable duration of God himself, and their interest in him, ver. 1, 2. (2) He humbles himself and his people, with the consideration of human frailty, ver. 3,—6. (3) He submits himself and his people to the righteous sentence of God, passed upon them, ver. 7,—11. (4) By prayer, he commits himself and his people, to their gracious and merciful God, and requests the sanctified use of their awful chastisements; the averting of divine wrath; the bestowal of true comforts and joys; the returns of his favour; and the progress of his work of mercy among their children, ver. 12,—17. ¶ Let me sing this, as the tenant of an hour, who hath none assurance of his present life:—Sing it as resigned to my lot on earth, however afflicted; and as active in preparation for death; and committing myself and family to the God of truth as our Redeemer, our God, and our everlasting ALL.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place
in generations all.

2 Before thou ever hadst brought forth
the mountains great or small.
Ere ever thou hadst form'd the earth
and all the world abroad,
Ev'n thou from everlasting art
to everlasting God.

3 Thou dost unto destruction
man that is mortal turn:
And unto them thou say'st, Again,
ye sons of men, return.
4 Because a thousand years appear
no more before thy sight
Than yesterday, when it is past
or than a watch by night.

5 As with an overflowing flood
thou carry'st them away:
They like a sleep are; like the grass
that grows at morn are they.
6 At morn it flourishes and grows,
cut down at ev'n doth fade.
7 For by thine anger we're consum'd;
thy wrath makes us afraid.

8 Our sins thou and iniquities
dost in thy presence place,
And sett'st our secret faults before
the brghtness of thy face.
9 For in thine anger all our days
do pass on to an end;
And, as a tale that hath been told,
so we our years do spend.

10 Threescore and ten years do sum up
our days and years, we see:
Or if, by reason of more strength,
in some fourscoure they be:
Yet doth the strength of such old men,
but grief and labour prove;
For it is soon cut off, and we
fly hence, and soon remove.

11 Who knows the power of thy wrath?
according to thy fear,
12 So is thy wrath. Lord, teach thou us
our end in mind to bear;

And ſo to count our days, that we
our hearts may ſtill apply
To learn thy wiſdom and thy truth,
that we may live thereby.

13 Turn yet again to us, O Lord,
how long thus ſhall it be?
Let it repent thee now for thoſe
that ſervants are to thee.

14 O with thy tender mercies, Lord,
us early ſatisfy;
So we rejoice ſhall all our days,
and ſtill be glad in thee.

15 According as the days have been
wherein we grief have had,
And years wherein we ill have ſeen
ſo do thou make us glad.

16 O let thy work and pow'r appear
thy ſervants' face before,
And ſhew unto their children dear,
thy glory evermore.

17 And let the beauty of the Lord
our God be us upon:
Our handy-works eſtabliſh thou,
eſtabliſh them each one.

PSALM XCI.

This Pſalm was perhaps penned, on the occaſion of the peſtilence, inflicted for numbering the people, 2 Sam. xxiv. In it, while the Pſalmiſt, by faith, takes God for his own refuge and keeper, ver. 2. 9. he, for the encouragement of others to do the ſame, repreſents (1) The dignity, extent, and continuance, of their happineſs and ſafety who have God for their reſidence, ver. 1,—4. (2) Their preſervation from all malice and baleful influence of the powers of darkneſs, while multitudes are ruined thereby, ver. 3,—9. (3) Their enjoyment of angels for their guard; and their triumph over devils and other oppoſers, ver. 10,—12. (4) Their poſſeſſion of ſpecial favour from, and delightful intimacy with God, here, and

hereafter, ver. 13,—16.—¶ In ſinging theſe, let mine eyes be fixed on Jeſus, the Man of God's right hand, in whom all theſe promiſes were fulfilled to the higheſt; and, in his name, let me depend on them to be accompliſhed in myſelf. And let all the benefit experience I have had thereof, encourage me to rejoice in hope of the more abundant mercies and glory of God.

HE that doth in the ſecret place
of the moſt High reſide,
Under the ſhade of him that is
th' Almighty ſhall abide.

2 I of the Lord my God will ſay,
He is my refuge ſtill,
He is my fortreſs, and my God,
and in him truſt I will.

3 Aſſuredly he ſhall thee free,
and give deliverance
From ſubtle fowler's ſnare, and from
the noiſome peſtilence.

4 His feathers ſhall thee hide; thy truſt
under his wings ſhall be:
His faithfulneſs ſhall be a ſhield
and buckler unto thee.

5 Thou ſhalt not need to be afraid
for terrors of the night;
Nor for the arrow that doth fly
by day, while it is light:

6 Nor for the peſtilence, that walks
in darkneſs ſecretly;
Nor for deſtruction, that doth waſte
at noon-day openly.

7 A thouſand at thy ſide ſhall fall;
on thy right hand ſhall lie
Ten thouſand dead; yet unto thee
it ſhall not once come nigh.

8 Only thou with thine eyes ſhalt look,
and a beholder be:
And thou therein the juſt reward
of wicked men ſhalt ſee.

9 Becauſe the Lord, who conſtantly
my refuge is alone,
Ev'n the moſt High, is made by thee
thy habitation.
10 No plague ſhall near thy dwelling come,
no ill ſhall thee befal:
11 For thee to keep in all thy ways
his angels charge he ſhall.

12 They in their hands ſhall bear thee up,
ſtill waiting thee upon;
Leſt thou at any time ſhould'ſt daſh
thy foot againſt a ſtone.
13 Upon the adder thou ſhalt tread,
and on the lion ſtrong:
Thy feet on dragons trample ſhall,
and on the lions young.

14 Becauſe on me he ſet his love,
I'll ſave and ſet him free:
Becauſe my great name he hath known,
I will him ſet on high.
15 He'll call on me, I'll anſwer him,
I will be with him ſtill,
In trouble to deliver him,
and honour him I will.

16 With length of days unto his mind,
I will him ſatisfy:
I alſo my ſalvation
will cauſe his eyes to ſee.

PSALM XCII.

A Pſalm or Song for the Sabbath-day.

In this Pſalm or Song for the Sabbath-day, (1) Praiſe, the buſineſs of the Sabbath, is earneſtly recommended, ver. 1,—3. (2) God's works, which are the reaſon of the Sabbath and ground of praiſe, are celebrated, in their greatneſs, and unſearchableneſs, ver. 4.—6. (3) The ruin of ſinners and the felicity of ſaints are beautifully contraſted. Sinners ſhall periſh:

But God the Portion and Life of ſaints ſhall endure for ever. Sinners, notwithſtanding their temporary flouriſh, ſhall be cut off and deſtroyed. Saints ſhall be exalted and comforted. Sinners ſhall be confounded and ruined; but ſaints, through their union to and fellowſhip with Chriſt, ſhall proſper and flouriſh, to the manifeſtation of God's faithfulneſs and equity, ver. 7,—15.——¶ While I keep the Sabbath of the Lord my God, let theſe things deeply affect my heart: And be it my care, by a ſteady converſation and manifeſt growth in grace, to verify theſe precious promiſes of the New Teſtament in Jeſus' blood.

TO render thanks unto the Lord,
it is a comely thing,
And to thy name, O thou moſt High,
due praiſe aloud to ſing.

2 Thy loving-kindneſs to ſhew forth,
when ſhines the morning-light;
And to declare thy faithfulneſs
with pleaſure ev'ry night.

3 On a ten-ſtringed inſtrument,
upon the pſaltery;
And on the harp with ſolemn ſound,
and grave ſweet melody.

4 For, thou, Lord, by thy mighty works
haſt made my heart right glad:
And I will triumph in the works
which by thine hands were made.

5 How great, Lord, are thy works! each thought
of thine a deep it is.

6 A brutiſh man it knoweth not:
fools underſtand not this.

7 When thoſe that lewd and wicked are,
ſpring quickly up like graſs,
And workers of iniquity
do flouriſh all apace;

It is that they for ever may
deſtroyed be and ſlain:

8 But thou, O Lord, art the Moſt High,
for ever to remain.

9 For lo, thine enemies, O Lord,
thine en'mies perish shall:
The workers of iniquity
shall be dispersed all.

10 But thou shalt, like unto the horn
of th' unicorn, exalt
My horn on high: thou with fresh oil
anoint me shalt.

11 Mine eye shall also my desire
see on mine enemies:
Mine ears shall of the wicked hear
that do against me rise.

12 But like the palm-tree flourishing
shall be the righteous one;
He shall like to the cedar grow
that is in Lebanon.

13 Those that within the house of God
are planted by his grace,
They shall grow up and flourish all
in our God's holy place.

14 And in old age, when others fade,
they fruit still forth shall bring:
They shall be fat, and full of sap,
and ay be flourishing:

15 To shew that upright is the Lord:
he is a rock to me,
And he from all unrighteousness
is altogether free.

PSALM XCIII.

This Psalm is a triumphant celebration of the government of JEHOVAH, and of Jesus our Redeemer in (1) The awfulness, strength, stability, and duration thereof, ver. 1, 2. (2) In his triumphant victories over all opposition, ver. 3, 4. (3) In the faithfulness and certainty of his words, and the holiness of his court, ver. 5.——¶ While I sing, let my soul rejoice in the highness of my God, and in the glories of my Redeemer.

THE Lord doth reign, and cloth'd is he
with majesty most bright:
His works do shew him cloth'd to be,
and girt about with might.
The world is also stablished,
that it cannot depart.
2 Thy throne is fix'd of old, and thou
from everlasting art.
3 The floods, O Lord, have lifted up,
they lifted up their voice;
The floods have lifted up their waves,
and made a mighty noise.
4 But yet the Lord, that is on high,
is more of might by far,
Than noise of many waters is,
or great sea-billows are.
5 Thy testimonies ev'ry one
in faithfulness excel;
And holiness for ever, Lord,
thine house becometh well.

PSALM XCIV.

This is a Psalm for the afflicted people of God, in which (1) God's just vengeance is implored, upon their haughty, active, cruel and atheistical oppressors, whose folly is exposed from the consideration of God's works of creation, providence, and grace, ver. 1,—11. (2) His gracious comforts are presented to the persecuted saints, that He will bless them in, and by their afflictions; and give them rest after them, while their enemies are ruined; that God will not cast them off, when cast down, but will, in his due time, reduce things to their right course:—to verify which, the Psalmist produceth part of his own experience, ver. 12,—24.——¶ While I sing, let all revenge be rooted from my heart: All repining at afflictions be banished from my soul. But, in every plunge of adversity, let me cast my burden on the Lord, that he may sustain me, and help me in the time of need. Let me rejoice in the assured hopes of God's yet reforming the church, and spreading his glory among the nations.

4 For great's the Lord, and greatly he
is to be magnify'd:
Yea, worthy to be fear'd is he
above all gods beside.
5 For all the gods are idols dumb
which blinded nations fear;
But our God is the Lord, by whom
the heav'ns created were.

6 Great honour is before his face,
and majesty divine:
Strength is within his holy place,
and there doth beauty shine.
7 Do you ascribe unto the Lord,
of people ev'ry tribe,
Glory do you unto the Lord,
and mighty pow'r ascribe.

8 Give ye the glory to the Lord,
that to his name is due:
Come ye into his courts, and bring
an offering with you.
9 In beauty of his holiness
O do the Lord adore:
Likewise let all the earth throughout
tremble his face before.

10 Among the heathen say, God reigns:
the world shall stedfastly
Be fix'd from moving, he shall judge
the people righteously.
11 Let heav'ns be glad before the Lord,
and let the earth rejoice:
Let seas, and all that is therein,
cry out, and make a noise.

12 Let fields rejoice, and ev'ry thing
that springeth of the earth:
Then woods, and ev'ry tree shall sing
with gladness and with mirth

13 Before the Lord; becauſe he comes,
to judge the earth comes he:
He'll judge the world with righteouſneſs,
the people faithfully.

PSALM XCVII.

This Pſalm is of the ſame ſtrain with the preceding, and contains (1) Solemn calls to the Gentile nations, to rejoice at the equity and extent of Jeſus' New Teſtament kingdom, and at the deſtruction of hardened Jews and heathen idolaters, occaſioned by the eſtabliſhment thereof, ver. 1,—7. (2) Repreſentations of the pure and holy joy of the ſaints, on account of Jeſus' highneſs, and the glory of God manifeſted therein; and of the care taken for their ſafety and comfort, ver. 8,—12. ¶ Join the choir, O my ſoul. Sing praiſes to thy King: Sing praiſes with underſtanding.

GOD reigneth, let the earth be glad,
and iſles rejoice each one.
2 Dark clouds him compaſs, and in right
with judgment dwells his throne.
3 Fire goes before him, and his foes
it burns up round about.
4 His light'nings lighten did the world;
earth ſaw, and ſhook throughout.
5 Hills, at the preſence of the Lord,
like wax did melt away:
Ev'n at the preſence of the Lord
of all the earth, I ſay.
6 The heav'ns declare his righteouſneſs,
all men his glory ſee.
7 All who ſerve graven images,
confounded let them be:
Who do of idols boaſt themſelves,
let ſhame upon them fall:
Ye that are called gods, ſee that
ye do him worſhip all.
8 Sion did hear, and joyful was,
glad Judah's daughters were,

They much rejoic'd, O Lord, because
thy judgments did appear.

9 For thou, O Lord, art high above
all things on earth that are:
Above all other gods thou art
exalted very far.

10 Hate ill, all ye that love the Lord:
his saints' souls keepeth he,
And from the hands of wicked men
he sets them safe and free.

11 For all those that be righteous
sown is a joyful light,
And gladness sown as for all those
that are in heart upright.

12 Ye righteous, in the Lord rejoice;
express your thankfulness,
When ye into your memory
do call his holiness.

PSALM XCVIII.

This Psalm insists on the same subject, as the two preceding, and contains (1) Demands of praise to the Redeemer, for the wonders he hath wrought; the victories he hath won; the discoveries he hath made; and the promises he fulfils, ver. 1,—3. (2) Demands of universal and high rejoicing at the erection and establishment of his Gospel-church; and at his coming in the clouds to judge the world, ver. 4,—9.——¶ While my lips utter these lofty notes, let my soul, according to this time also, say, What hath the Lord wrought! What is Jesus! What is JEHOVAH to my heart! What hath he done for mankind, and what for my soul! What of Jesus! What of JEHOVAH, have mine eyes seen and my heart tasted!—— And while I assuredly believe his return to judgment, let me with ardor look for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God my Saviour. Let my soul, with rapture, spring forth to meet his burning chariot-wheels, and long to see creation all on flames.

O Sing a new song to the Lord,
for wonders he hath done:
His right hand and his holy arm,
him victory hath won.

2 The Lord God his ſalvation
hath cauſed to be known:
His juſtice in the heathen's ſight
he openly hath ſhown.

3 He mindful of his grace and truth
to Iſra'l's houſe hath been:
And the ſalvation of our God
all ends of th' earth have ſeen.

4 Let all the earth unto the Lord
ſend forth a joyful noiſe:
Lift up your voice aloud to him,
ſing praiſes, and rejoice.

5 With harp, with harp, and voice of pſalms,
unto JEHOVAH ſing.

6 With trumpets, cornets, gladly ſound
before the Lord, the King.

7 Let ſeas, and all their fulneſs, roar;
the world, and dwellers there.

8 Let floods clap hands; and let the hills
together joy declare

9 Before the Lord; becauſe he comes
to judge the earth comes he:
He'll judge the world with righteouſneſs,
his folk with equity.

PSALM XCIX.

This Pſalm is of the ſame general nature with the three preceding, and calls men to revere, and worſhip, and praiſe, the Meſſiah, and his Father. (1) For the glory, greatneſs, mercy, and equity of his government, ver. 1,—5. (2) For the inſtances of his kindneſs to Iſrael, in remarkably regarding and honouring their noted Deliverers and Reformers, ver. 6,—9. ¶ While I ſing this, let my ſoul ſtand in awe of JEHOVAH's greatneſs and excellency. Let me call on God, in every time of need, that he may anſwer and ſave me. Let me hope, that he will forgive and ſubdue, but never that he will indulge my tranſgreſſions. For the Lord my God is holy.

TH' eternal Lord doth reign as King,
let all the people quake:
He ſits between the cherubims,
let th' earth be mov'd and ſhake.
2 The Lord in Zion great, and high
above all people is.
3 Thy great and dreadful name (for it
is holy) let them bleſs.

4 The King's ſtrength alſo judgment loves;
thou ſettleſt equity,
Juſt judgment thou doſt execute
in Jacob righteouſly.
5 The Lord our God exalt on high,
and rev'rently do ye
Before his footſtool worſhip him:
the holy One is he.

6 Moſes and Aaron 'mongſt his prieſts,
Samuel with them that call
Upon his name: theſe call'd on God,
and he them anſwer'd all.
7 Within the pillar of the cloud
he unto them did ſpeak:
The teſtimonies he them taught,
and laws they did not break.

8 Thou anſwer'dſt them, O Lord our God:
thou waſt a God that gave
Pardon to them, though on their deeds
thou wouldeſt vengeance have.
9 Do ye exalt the Lord our God,
and at his holy hill
Do ye him worſhip: for the Lord
our God is holy ſtill.

A Pſalm of praiſe.

This Pſalm (1) Contains a ſolemn call to the Gentiles to praiſe God and rejoice in him, ver. 1,—4. (2) Furniſheth us with matter of praiſe, viz. that he is God, and ſtands nearly related to us; and that his mercy and truth are everlaſting, ver. 3. 5.——¶ Knowing the Lord to be my God, let me approach his ordinances, and enter his heavenly palaces, with an heart raviſhed with his excellencies and kindneſs, and a mouth filled with his praiſe.

ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with chearful voice,
2 Him ſerve with mirth, his praiſe forth tell
Come ye before him, and rejoice.
3 Know, that the Lord is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his ſheep he doth us take.

4 O enter then his gates with praiſe,
Approach with joy his courts unto:
Praiſe, laud, and bleſs his name always,
For it is ſeemly ſo to do.
5 For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever ſure:
His truth at all times firmly ſtood,
And ſhall from age to age endure.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

O All ye lands, unto the Lord
make ye a joyful noiſe.
2 Serve God with gladneſs; him before
come with a ſinging voice.
3 Know ye the Lord, that he is God,
not we, but he, us made;
We are his people, and the ſheep
within his paſture fed.

4 Enter his gates and courts with praiſe,
to thank him go ye thither:

To him expreſs your thankfulneſs,
and bleſs his name together.
5 Becauſe the Lord our God is good,
his mercy faileth never:
And to all generations
his truth endureth ever.

PSALM CI.

A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm was probably compoſed, when David aſſumed the government of his kingdom, and contains his holy reſolutions (1) To make God's mercies and judgments, the connected matter of his ſong; and to walk circumſpectly before his family, through the aſſiſting preſence of God, ver. 1, 2. (2) To purge his family and kingdom; diſcouraging and puniſhing perſons miſchievous and wicked, ſlanderers, liars, and deceitful workers; and encouraging the pious, ver. 3, ——8. ¶ While I ſing, let me remember my faults; and in the ſtrength of the grace that is in Chriſt Jeſus, form the like holy reſolutions.

I Mercy will and judgment ſing;
Lord, I will ſing to thee.
2 With wiſdom, in a perfect way,
ſhall my behaviour be:
O when in kindneſs unto me,
wilt thou be pleas'd to come?
I with a perfect heart will walk
within my houſe at home.

3 I will endure no wicked thing
before mine eyes to be:
I hate their work that turn aſide,
it ſhall not cleave to me.
4 A ſtubborn and a froward heart
depart quite from me ſhall:
A perſon giv'n to wickedneſs
I will not know at all.

5 I'll cut him off that ſlandereth
his neighbour privily:

The haughty heart I will not bear,
nor him that looketh high.
6 Upon the faithful of the land
mine eyes shall be, that they
May dwell with me: he shall me serve
that walks in perfect way.
7 Who of deceit a worker is,
in my house shall not dwell:
And in my presence shall he not
remain, that lies doth tell.
8 Yea, all the wicked of the land
early destroy will I;
All from God's city to cut off,
that work iniquity.

PSALM CII.

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the Lord.

This Psalm relates to some grievous distress.—Wherein are observable (1) Bitter complaints of divine hidings and wrath; of sore bodily troubles; of inward griefs and perplexities; of calumnious reproaches; of sudden changes of condition; and of apparent nearness to death, ver. 1,—11. (2) Seasonable comforts against these grievances, fetched in from the eternity and unchangeableness of God, ver. 12. 24. 27.; from the deliverances, spread, and establishment, he will grant to his Church, in answer to the prayers, and for the comfort of his afflicted people, ver. 13.—28.——¶ While I sing, think, my soul, if I am exercised by my troubles; if these of the inner man bear heaviest on my heart; and if I am a cordial partaker with Zion in her joys and griefs.

O Lord, unto my pray'r give ear,
my cry let come to thee.
2 And in the day of my distress,
hide not thy face from me;
Give ear to me; what time I call,
to answer me make haste.
3 For as an hearth my bones are burnt:
my days like smoke do waste.

4 My heart within me ſmitten is,
and it is withered
Like very graſs: ſo that I do
forget to eat my bread.
5 By reaſon of my groaning voice,
my bones cleave to my ſkin.
6 Like pelican in wilderneſs
forſaken I have been:

7 I like an owl in deſert am,
that nightly there doth moan,
I watch, and like a ſparrow am,
on the houſe-top alone.
8 My bitter en'mies all the day
reproaches caſt on me:
And being mad at me, with rage
againſt me ſworn they be.

9 For why, I aſhes eaten have,
like bread, in ſorrows deep:
My drink I alſo mingled have
with tears that I did weep.
10 Thy wrath and indignation
did cauſe this grief and pain:
For thou haſt lift me up on high,
and caſt me down again.

11 My days are like unto a ſhade,
which doth declining paſs:
And I am dry'd and withered,
ev'n like unto the graſs.
12 But thou, Lord, everlaſting art,
and thy remembrance ſhall
Continually endure, and be
to generations all.

13 Thou ſhalt ariſe, and mercy have
upon thy Zion yet:
The time to favour her is come,
the time that thou haſt ſet.

14 For in her rubbiſh and her ſtones,
thy ſervants pleaſure take;
Yea, they the very duſt thereof
do favour for her ſake.

15 So ſhall the heathen people fear
the Lord's moſt holy name;
And all the kings on earth ſhall dread
thy glory and thy fame.

16 When Zion by the mighty Lord
built up again ſhall be,
In glory then, and majeſty,
to men appear ſhall he.

17 The prayer of the deſtitute
he ſurely will regard,
Their prayer will he not deſpiſe,
by him it ſhall be heard.

18 For generations yet to come
this ſhall be on record:
So ſhall the people that ſhall be
created, praiſe the Lord.

19 He from his ſanctuary's height
hath downward caſt his eye:
And from his glorious throne in heav'n
the Lord the earth did ſpy:

20 That of the mournful priſoner
the groanings he might hear,
To ſet them free that unto death
by men appointed are:

21 That they in Sion may declare
the Lord's moſt holy name,
And publiſh in Jeruſalem
the praiſes of the ſame.

22 When as the people gather ſhall
in troops with one accord,
When kingdoms ſhall aſſembled be
to ſerve the higheſt Lord.

23 My wonted ſtrength and force he hath
abated in the way;
And he my days hath ſhortened:
24 Thus therefore did I ſay,
My God, in mid-time of my days
take thou me not away:
From age to age eternally
thy years endure and ſtay.

25 The firm foundation of the earth
of old time thou haſt laid:
The heavens alſo are the work
which thine own hands have made.
26 Thou ſhalt for evermore endure:
but they ſhall periſh all;
Yea, ev'ry one of them wax old,
like to a garment, ſhall:

Thou as a veſture ſhalt them change,
and they ſhall changed be;
27 But thou the ſame art, and thy years
are to eternity.
28 The children of thy ſervants ſhall
continually endure,
And in thy ſight, O Lord, their ſeed
ſhall be eſtabliſh'd ſure.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

LORD, hear my pray'r, and let my cry
Have ſpeedy acceſs unto thee.
2 In day of my calamity,
O hide not thou thy face from me:
Hear when I call to thee, that day
An anſwer ſpeedily return.
3 My days like ſmoke conſume away,
And, as an hearth, my bones do burn.
4 My heart is wounded very ſore,
And withered, like graſs, doth fade:

I am forgetful grown therefore
To take and eat my daily bread.
5 By reaſon of my ſmart within,
And voice of my moſt grievous groans,
My fleſh conſumed is; my ſkin,
All parch'd, doth cleave unto my bones.
6 The pelican of wilderneſs,
The owl in deſart I do match:
7 And ſparrow-like, companionleſs,
Upon the houſe's top I watch.
8 I all day long am made a ſcorn,
Reproach'd by my malicious foes:
The mad-men are againſt me ſworn,
The men againſt me that aroſe.
9 For I have aſhes eaten up,
To me as if they had been bread;
And with my drink, I in my cup,
Of bitter tears a mixture made.
10 Becauſe thy wrath was not appeas'd,
And dreadful indignation:
Therefore it was that thou me rais'd,
And thou again didſt caſt me down.
11 My days are like a ſhade alway,
Which doth declining ſwiftly paſs:
And I am withered away,
Much like unto the fading graſs.
12 But thou, O Lord, ſhalt ſtill endure,
From change and all mutation free;
And, to all generations, ſure
Shall thy remembrance ever be.
13 Thou ſhalt ariſe, and mercy yet
Thou to mount Zion ſhalt extend:
Her time for favour which was ſet,
Behold, is now come to an end.
14 Thy ſaints take pleaſure in her ſtones;
Her very duſt to them is dear.

15 All heathen lands, and kingly thrones
On earth, thy glorious name ſhall fear.

16 God in his glory ſhall appear,
When Zion he builds and repairs.
17 He ſhall regard, and lend his ear
Unto the needy's humble pray'rs.
Th' afflicted's pray'r he will not ſcorn.
18 All times this ſhall be on record;
And generations yet unborn
Shall praiſe and magnify the Lord.

19 He from his holy place look'd down;
The earth he view'd from heav'n on high:
20 To hear the pris'ners mourning groan,
And free them that are doom'd to die:
21 That Zion, and Jeruſ'lem too,
His name and praiſe may well record:
22 When people, and the kingdoms do
Aſſemble all, to praiſe the Lord.

23 My ſtrength he weak'ned in the way:
My days of life he ſhortened.
24 My God, O take me not away
In mid-time of my days, I ſaid:
Thy years throughout all ages laſt.
25 Of old thou haſt eſtabliſhed
The earth's foundation firm and faſt:
Thy mighty hands the heav'ns have made.

26 They periſh ſhall, as garments do;
But thou ſhalt evermore endure:
As veſtures thou ſhalt change them ſo;
And they ſhall all be changed ſure.
27 But from all changes thou art free;
Thy endleſs years do laſt for ay.
28 Thy ſervants, and their ſeed who be,
Eſtabliſh'd ſhall before thee ſtay.

A Pſalm of David.

Here, (1) The Pſalmiſt earneſtly ſtirs up himſelf to praiſe God for favours to himſelf in particular; for pardon of ſins, healing of diſeaſes, redemption from death, ver. 1—5.; and for his mercies to his people, in revealing his mind to them; pardoning their ſins; ſympathizing with their weakneſs; pitying their afflictions; and perpetuating his new-covenant mercy towards them, and their ſeed, ver. 6,—18. (2) Conſcious of his own inſufficiency, he requeſts the aſſiſtance of angels, and of all the works of God to praiſe him, who is their Sovereign, ver. 19,—22 ——— ¶ Thus, my ſoul, let all my inward powers be ſtirred up to praiſe and thank my Redeemer, for all that he hath done for me,—for Britain, and for his Church on earth.

O Thou my ſoul, bleſs God the Lord;
and all that in me is,
Be ſtirred up his holy Name
to magnify and bleſs.

2 Bleſs, O my ſoul, the Lord thy God,
and not forgetful be
Of all his gracious benefits,
he hath beſtow'd on thee.

3 All thine iniquities who doth
moſt graciouſly forgive:
Who thy diſeaſes all and pains
doth heal, and thee relieve.

4 Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
to death may'ſt not go down:
Who thee with loving-kindneſs doth
and tender mercies crown.

5 Who, with abundance of good things,
doth ſatisfy thy mouth:
So that, ev'n as the eagle's age,
renewed is thy youth.

6 God right'ous judgment executes
for all oppreſſed ones.

7 His way to Moſes, he his acts
made known to Iſra'l's ſons.

8 The Lord our God is merciful,
and he is gracious;
Long-ſuffering, and ſlow to wrath,
in mercy plenteous.
9 He will not chide continually,
nor keep his anger ſtill.
10 With us he dealt not as we ſinn'd,
nor did requite our ill.
11 For as the heaven in its height
the earth ſurmounteth far:
So great to thoſe that do him fear
his tender mercies are.
12 As far as eaſt is diſtant from
the weſt; ſo far hath he
From us removed, in his love,
all our iniquity.
13 Such pity as a father hath
unto his children dear;
Like pity ſhews the Lord to ſuch
as worſhip him in fear.
14 For he remembers we are duſt,
and he our frame well knows.
15 Frail man, his days are like the graſs,
as flow'r in field he grows.
16 For over it the wind doth paſs,
and it away is gone;
And of the place, where once it was,
it ſhall no more be known.
17 But unto them that do him fear
God's mercy never ends;
And to their children's children ſtill
his right'ouſneſs extends.
18 To ſuch as keep his covenant,
and mindful are alway
Of his moſt juſt commandements,
that they may them obey.

19 The Lord prepared hath his throne
in heavens firm to ſtand:
And ev'ry thing that being hath,
his kingdom doth command.

20 O ye his angels, that excel
in ſtrength, bleſs ye the Lord;
Ye who obey what he commands,
and hearken to his word.

21 O bleſs and magnify the Lord,
ye glorious hoſts of his;
Ye miniſters, that do fulfil
whate'er his pleaſure is.

22 O bleſs the Lord, all ye his works,
wherewith the world is ſtor'd
In his dominions every-where:
my ſoul, bleſs thou the Lord.

PSALM CIV.

This Pſalm was perhaps compoſed along with the preceding one; and contains (1) High celebrations of God, as the God of nature; particularly of his appearances in his heavenly palaces, ver. 1,—4.;—of his creation of the ſea and dry land, ver. 5,—9.;——of the proviſion he makes for his creatures according to their reſpective needs, ver. 10,—28.;——and of his ſovereign dominion and influence over them, ver. 29,—32. (2) Holy reſolutions to meditate on, and praiſe the Lord, in the view of his deſtruction of the wicked, ver 33.——35.—— ¶ Lo! how ſtretched heavens; how refulgent luminaries; how fertile fields; how towering woods; how roaring ſeas; how ranging brutes; how labouring men; how flaming Seraphs, unite their force to awaken my ſoul,—to tune my heart, to the high praiſes of her REDEEMER! Let me meet my God, my Chriſt, in every view. In every ſound, let me hear his voice. In every form let me diſcern how great is his goodneſs; and how great is his beauty! Nor let creation's lower plains detain my heart. Let new covenant-relations to my unbounded ALL; Let redemption through his blood, fix all my thoughts, enrapture all my inward powers; that I may ſing Anthems, all on fire, to Him who loved me, and gave Himſelf for me.

BLeſs God, my ſoul: O Lord, my God,
thou art exceeding great;
With honour and with majeſty
thou clothed art in ſtate.

2 With light, as with a robe, thyſelf
thou covereſt about;
And, like unto a curtain, thou
the heavens ſtretcheſt out.

3 Who of his chambers doth the beams
within the waters lay;
Who doth the clouds his chariot make,
on wings of wind make way.

4 Who flaming fire his miniſters;
his angels ſp'rits doth make.

5 Who earth's foundations did lay,
that it ſhould never ſhake.

6 Thou didſt it cover with the deep,
as with a garment ſpread:
The waters ſtood above the hills,
when thou the word but ſaid.

7 But, at the voice of thy rebuke,
they fled, and would not ſtay:
They at thy thunder's dreadful voice,
did haſte them fait away.

8 They by the mountains do aſcend;
and by the valley-ground
Deſcend, unto that very place
which thou for them didſt found.

9 Thou haſt a bound unto them ſet,
that they may not paſs over;
That they do not return again
the face of earth to cover.

10 He to the vallies ſends the ſprings,
which run among the hills:

11 They to all beaſts of field give drink,
wild aſſes drink their fills.

12 By them the fowls of heav'n shall have
their habitation,
Which do among the branches sing
with delectation.

13 He from his chambers watereth
the hills, when they are dry'd:
With fruit and increase of thy works
the earth is satisfy'd.

14 For cattle he makes grass to grow,
he makes the herb to spring
For th' use of man, that food to him
he from the earth may bring:

15 And wine, that to the heart of man
doth cheerfulness impart,
Oil that his face makes shine, and bread
that strengtheneth his heart.

16 The trees of God are full of sap,
the cedars that do stand
In Lebanon, which planted were
by his almighty hand.

17 Birds of the air, upon their boughs,
do chuse their nests to make:
As for the stork, the fir-tree she
doth for her dwelling take.

18 The lofty mountains for wild goats
a place of refuge be:
The conies also to the rocks
do for their safety flee.

19 He sets the moon in heav'n, thereby
the seasons to discern:
From him the sun his certain time
of going down doth learn.

20 Thou darkness mak'st, 'tis night; then beasts
of forests creep abroad.

21 The lions young roar for their prey,
and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun doth rise, and home they flock,
down in their dens they lie.
23 Man goes to work, his labour he
doth to the ev'ning ply.
24 How manifold, Lord, are thy works!
in wisdom wonderful
Thou ev'ry one of them hast made;
earth's of thy riches full.
25 So is this great and spacious sea,
wherein things creeping are,
Which numb'red cannot be; and beasts
both great and small are there.
26 There ships go; there thou mak'st to play
that leviathan great.
27 These all wait on thee, that thou may'st
in due time give them meat.
28 That which thou giv'st unto them,
they gather for their food;
Thine hand thou op'nest lib'rally,
they filled are with good.
29 Thou hid'st thy face, they troubled are:
their breath thou tak'st away;
Then do they die, and to their dust
return again do they.
30 Thy quick'ning sp'rit thou sendest forth,
then they created be:
And then the earth's decayed face
renewed is by thee.
31 The glory of the mighty Lord
continue shall for ever:
The Lord JEHOVAH shall rejoice
in all his works together.
32 Earth, as affrighted, trembleth all,
if he on it but look:
And if the mountains he but touch,
they presently do smoke.

33 I will ſing to the Lord moſt high,
ſo long as I ſhall live:
And, while I being have, I ſhall
to my God praiſes give.

34 Of him my meditation ſhall
ſweet thoughts to me afford:
And as for me, I will rejoice
in God, my only Lord.

35 From earth let ſinners be conſum'd,
let ill men no more be:
O thou my ſoul, bleſs thou the Lord:
praiſe to the Lord give ye.

PSALM CV.

This Pſalm was a part of the ſolemn hymn ſung at the tranſlation of the ark from the houſe of Obed-edom to the city of David, 1 Chron. xvi.; and contains (1) Solemn calls to meditate on, ſeek, magnify, and praiſe God, who is ſo great, ſo gracious, and ſo nearly connected with us, ver. 1,——7. (2) A narrative of the particular mercies of God to Iſrael for the ſpace of 470 years, as grounds of praiſe: Particularly (1) His covenant with their patriarchs, ver. 8,——11.—— (2) His care of them, while ſtrangers and ſojourners, ver. 12,--15. (3) His advancement of Joſeph, to be the ſhepherd and ſtone of Iſrael, ver. 16,——22. (4) His increaſing of them in Egypt, and at laſt delivering them from it, in the way of inflicting manifold plagues on the Egyptians, ver. 23,——38. (5) His care of them in the wilderneſs, and ſettling them in Canaan, as a peculiar people to himſelf, ver. 39,——45.——
¶ While I ſing, let my ſoul, with affecting wonder, think, what God is to me; and what he hath done for me, and his Church, in proſecution of his covenant-engagements with Jeſus Chriſt.

GIVE thanks to God; call on his name;
to men his deeds make known.

2 Sing ye to him, ſing pſalms; proclaim
his wondrous works each one.

3 See that ye in his holy name
to glory do accord;
And let the heart of ev'ry one
rejoice, that ſeeks the Lord.

4 The Lord almighty, and his ſtrength,
with ſtedfaſt hearts ſeek ye:
His bleſſed and his gracious face
ſeek ye continually.
5 Think on the works that he hath done,
which admiration breed;
His wonders, and the judgments all
which from his mouth proceed.
6 O ye that are of Abrah'm's race,
his ſervant well approv'n;
And ye that Jacob's children are,
whom he choos'd for his own.
7 Becauſe he, and he only, is
the mighty Lord our God;
And his moſt righteous judgments are
in all the earth abroad.
8 His cov'nant he rememb'red hath,
that it may ever ſtand:
To thouſand generations
the word he did command.
9 Which covenant he firmly made
with faithful Abraham,
And unto Iſaac, by his oath,
he did renew the ſame.
10 And unto Jacob, for a law,
he made it firm and ſure,
A covenant to Iſrael,
which ever ſhould endure.
11 He ſaid, I'll give Canaan's land
for heritage to you:
12 While they were ſtrangers there, and few,
in number very few.
13 While yet they went from land to land
without a ſure abode;
And while, thro' ſundry kingdoms, they
did wander far abroad.

14 Yet notwithſtanding ſuffer'd he
no man to do them wrong:
Yea, for their ſakes, he did reprove
kings, who were great and ſtrong.

15 Thus did he ſay, Touch ye not thoſe
that mine anointed be,
Nor do the prophets any harm
that do pertain to me.

16 He call'd for famine on the land,
he brake the ſtaff of bread.

17 But yet he ſent a man before,
by whom they ſhould be fed:
Ev'n Joſeph, whom unnat'rally
ſell for a ſlave did they.

18 Whoſe feet with fetters they did hurt,
and he in irons lay;

19 Until the time that his word came
to give him liberty:
The word and purpoſe of the Lord
did him in priſon try.

20 Then ſent the king, and did command
that he enlarg'd ſhould be:
He that the people's ruler was,
did ſend to ſet him free.

21 A lord, to rule his family,
he rais'd him, as moſt fit;
To him of all that he poſſeſs'd
he did the charge commit:

22 That he might at his pleaſure bind
the princes of the land;
And he might teach his ſenators
wiſdom to underſtand.

23 The people then of Iſrael
down into Egypt came:
And Jacob alſo ſojourned
within the land of Ham.

24 And he did greatly by his power
increaſe his people there;
And ſtronger than their enemies
they by his bleſſing were.
25 Their hearts he turned to envy
his folk maliciouſly,
With thoſe that his own ſervants were
to deal in ſubtilty.

26 His ſervant Moſes he did ſend,
Aaron his choſen one.
27 By theſe his ſigns and wonders great
in Ham's land were made known.
28 Darkneſs he ſent, and made it dark:
his word they did obey.
29 He turn'd their waters into blood,
and he their fiſh did ſlay.

30 The land in plenty brought forth frogs,
in chambers of their kings.
31 His word all ſorts of flies and lice
in all their borders brings.
32 He hail for rain, and flaming fire
into their land he ſent:
33 And he their vines and fig-trees ſmote,
trees of their coaſts he rent.

34 He ſpake, and caterpillars came,
locuſts did much abound;
35 Which in their land all herbs conſum'd,
and all fruits of their ground.
36 He ſmote all firſt-born in their land,
chief of their ſtrength each one.
37 With gold and ſilver brought them forth,
weak in their tribes were none.

38 Egypt was glad when forth they went,
their fear on them did light.
39 He ſpread a cloud for covering,
and fire to ſhine by night.

40 They aſk'd and he brought quails: with bread
of heav'n he filled them.
41 He op'ned rocks, floods guſh'd and ran
in deſerts like a ſtream.

42 For on his holy promiſe he,
and ſervant Abrah'm, thought.
43 With joy his people, his elect
with gladneſs forth he brought.
44 And unto them the pleaſant lands
he of the heathen gave:
That of the people's labour they
inheritance might have.

45 That they his ſtatutes might obſerve
according to his word:
And that they might his laws obey.
Give praiſe unto the Lord.

PSALM CVI.

This Pſalm may be conſidered as a ſupplement to the preceding. That exhibited to our view the marvellous kindneſs of God to Iſrael. This exhibits the fearful rebellions of Iſrael againſt their gracious God. We have (1) a preface, aſcribing praiſe to God, and exhibiting comfort to his ſaints; and requeſting favours from God, ver. 1,——5. (2) An alarming confeſſion or narrative of Iſrael's wickedneſs againſt their God, notwithſtanding his marvellous kindneſs to them,——in provoking Him at the Red-ſea, ver. 6,——12.; in luſting after ſenſual gratifications, ver. 13,——15.; in murmuring againſt his vicegerents, ver. 16,——18.; in worſhipping the golden-calf, ver. 19,——23.; in murmuring contempt of the promiſed land, ver. 24,——27.; in joining with the Moabites and Midianites, in the worſhip of Baal-peor, ver. 28,——31.; in quarrelling with Moſes at Kadeſh, ver. 32, 33.; in incorporating themſelves with the Canaanites, and imitating their idolatrous and cruel cuſtoms, ver. 34,——39. (3) An affecting view of God's great compaſſion to Iſrael, notwithſtanding they had provoked him, to inflict ſore and almoſt deſtructive puniſhments upon them, ver. 40,—46. (4) An affectionate improvement of his kindneſs, in imploring his powerful deliverance, and aſcription of endleſs praiſes to his name, ver. 47, 48.——
¶ While I ſing, let my ſoul be deeply affected with the dread-

ful nature of ſin, and with men's obſtinacy, nay my own obſtinacy therein. Let me, with amazement, behold the unbounded mercy of God to men; and that where ſin hath abounded, grace doth much more abound.

GIVE praiſe and thanks unto the Lord,
for bountiful is he;
His tender mercy doth endure
unto eternity.

2 God's mighty works who can expreſs?
or ſhew forth all his praiſe?

3 Bleſſed are they that judgment keep,
and juſtly do always.

4 Remember me, Lord, with that love,
which thou to thine doſt bear:
With thy ſalvation, O my God,
to viſit me draw near:

5 That I thy choſen's good may ſee,
and in their joy rejoice:
And may with thine inheritance
triumph with chearful voice.

6 We with our fathers ſinned have:
and of iniquity
Too long we have the workers been,
we have done wickedly.

7 The wonders great, which thou, O Lord,
didſt work in Egypt land;
Our fathers, though they ſaw, yet them
they did not underſtand;

And they thy mercies multitude
kept not in memory;
But at the ſea, ev'n the Red-ſea,
provok'd him grievouſly.

8 Nevertheleſs, he ſaved them,
ev'n for his own name's ſake:
That ſo he might, to be well known,
his mighty power make.

9 When he the Red-ſea did rebuke,
then dried up it was:
Thro' depths, as thro' the wilderneſs,
he ſafely made them paſs.
10 From hands of thoſe that hated them
he did his people ſave;
And from the en'mies cruel hand
to them redemption gave.
11 The waters overwhelm'd their foes,
not one was left alive.
12 Then they believ'd his word, and praiſe
to him in ſongs did give.
13 But ſoon did they his mighty works
forget unthankfully,
And on his counſel and his will
did not wait patiently:
14 But much did luſt in wilderneſs,
and God in deſart tempt.
15 He gave them what they ſought, but to
their ſoul he leanneſs ſent.
16 And againſt Moſes, in the camp,
their envy did appear;
At Aaron they, the ſaint of God,
envious alſo were.
17 Therefore the earth did open wide,
and Dathan did devour;
And all Abiram's company
did cover in that hour.
18 Likewiſe among their company
a fire was kindled then;
And ſo the hot conſuming flame
burnt up theſe wicked men.
19 Upon the hill of Horeb they
an idol-calf did frame,
A molten image they did make,
and worſhipped the ſame.

20 And thus their glory, and their God,
most vainly changed they
Into the likeneſs of an ox
that eateth graſs or hay.

21 They did forget the mighty God,
that had their Saviour been;
By whom ſuch great things brought to paſs
they had in Egypt ſeen.

22 In Ham's land he did wondrous works,
things terrible did he,
When he his mighty hand and arm
ſtretch'd out at the Red-ſea.

23 Then ſaid he, He would them deſtroy,
had not, his wrath to ſtay,
His choſen Moſes ſtood in breach,
that them he ſhould not ſlay.

24 Yea, they deſpis'd the pleaſant land,
believed not his word:

25 But in their tents they murmured,
not hark'ning to the Lord.

26 Therefore in deſart them to ſlay
he lifted up his hand:

27 'Mong nations to o'erthrow their ſeed,
and ſcatter in each land.

28 They unto Baal-peor did
themſelves aſſociate;
The ſacrifices of the dead
they did profanely eat.

29 Thus, by their lewd inventions,
they did provoke his ire;
And then upon them ſuddenly
the plague brake in as fire.

30 Then Phineas roſe, and juſtice did;
and ſo the plague did ceaſe:

31 That to all ages counted was
to him for righteouſneſs.

32 And at the waters where they ſtrove,
they did him angry make,
In ſuch ſort, that it fared ill
with Moſes for their ſake:
33 Becauſe they there his ſpirit meek
provoked bitterly,
So that he utter'd with his lips,
words unadviſedly.

34 Nor, as the Lord commanded them,
did they the nations ſlay:
35 But with the heathen mingled were,
and learn'd of them their way.
36 And they their idols ſerv'd, which did
a ſnare unto them turn.
37 Their ſons and daughters they to dev'ls
in ſacrifice did burn.

38 In their own children's guiltleſs blood
their hands they did imbrue,
Whom to Canaan's idols they
for ſacrifices ſlew:
So was the land defil'd with blood.
39 They ſtain'd with their own way,
And with their own inventions
a-whoring they did ſtray.

40 Againſt his people kindled was
the wrath of God therefore,
Inſomuch that he did his own
inheritance abhor.
41 He gave them to the heathen's hand;
their foes did them command.
42 Their en'mies them oppreſs'd, they were
made ſubject to their hand.

43 He many times deliver'd them;
but with their counſel ſo
They him provok'd, that for their ſin
they were brought very low.

44 Yet their affliction he beheld,
when he did hear their cry:
45 And he for them his covenant
did call to memory:
After his mercies multitude
46 he did repent: And made
Them to be pity'd of all those
who did them captive lead.
47 O Lord our God, us save, and gather
the heathen from among,
That we thy holy name may praise
in a triumphant song.
48 Bless'd be JEHOVAH, Isra'l's God,
to all eternity:
Let all the people say, Amen.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

PSALM CVII.

This Psalm may be considered as an appendix to the two foregoing. Those represented the providence of God towards his chosen Israelites, who prefigured his Gospel-church. This (1) Represents the providences of God to the children of men in general, and calls them to praise him for his kindness and mercy therein: Particularly, (1) In directing and gathering travellers, whom he had justly dispersed, ver. 1,—7. (2) In delivering prisoners, whom he had justly confined, ver. 8,—14. (3) In healing the sick, whom he had justly plagued, ver. 15,—22. (4) In relieving mariners, whom he had justly bestormed,—ver. 23,—30. (5) In changing the condition of territories, persons, and families, at his pleasure, to the comfort of his people, and the restraining of wickedness, ver. 31,—42.— (2) It encourageth men to a careful observation of God's providences, ver. 43.——¶ Let me sing this, with an heart deeply affected with the various providences of God towards myself and others, while we have walked by the way; been confined in prisons; or lain in beds of languishing; traversed the surface of the depths, or laboured in our respective employments. Let me be a careful observer of providences, and compare them with the oracles of God, with my behaviour, and my prayers, and with one another. So shall I understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

PRAISE God, for he is good; for ſtill
his mercies laſting be.
2 Let God's redeem'd ſay ſo, whom he
from th' en'mies hand did free:
3 And gather'd them out of the lands,
from north, ſouth, eaſt and weſt.
4 They ſtray'd in deſarts pathleſs way,
no city found to reſt.
5 For thirſt and hunger in them faints
6 their ſoul. When ſtraits them preſs,
They cry unto the Lord, and he
them frees from their diſtreſs.
7 Them alſo in a way to walk,
that right is, he did guide,
That they might to a city go
wherein they might abide.
8 O that men to the Lord would give
praiſe for his goodneſs then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the ſons of men!
9 For he the ſoul that longing is
doth fully ſatisfy:
With goodneſs he the hungry ſoul
doth fill abundantly.
10 Such as ſhut up in darkneſs deep,
and in death's ſhade abide,
Whom ſtrongly hath affliction bound,
and irons faſt have ty'd:
11 (Becauſe againſt the word of God
they wrought rebelliouſly,
And they the counſel did contemn
of him that is moſt high:)
12 Their heart he did bring down with grief,
they fell, no help could have.
13 In trouble then they cry'd to God,
he them from ſtraits did ſave.

14 He out of darkneſs did them bring,
and from death's ſhade them take:
Thoſe bands wherewith they had been bound,
aſunder quite he brake.

15 O that men to the Lord would give
praiſe, for his goodneſs, then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the ſons of men!

16 Becauſe the mighty gates of braſs
in pieces he did tear,
By him in ſunder alſo cut
the bars of iron were.

17 Fools, for their ſin, and their offence,
do ſore affliction bear.

18 All kind of meat their ſoul abhors,
they to death's gates draw near.

19 In grief they cry to God, he ſaves
them from their miſeries.

20 He ſends his word, them heals, and them
from their deſtructions frees.

21 O that men to the Lord would give
praiſe, for his goodneſs, then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the ſons of men!

22 And let them ſacrifice to him
off'rings of thankfulneſs,
And let them ſhew abroad his works
in ſongs of joyfulneſs.

23 Who go to ſea in ſhips, and in
great waters trading be,

24 Within the deep theſe men God's works,
and his great wonders ſee.

25 For he commands, and forth in haſte
the ſtormy tempeſt flies,
Which makes the ſea with rolling waves,
aloft to ſwell and riſe.

26 They mount to heav'n, then to the depths
they do go down again;
Their ſoul doth faint, and melt away
with trouble and with pain.
27 They reel and ſtagger like one drunk,
at their wits end they be:
28 Then they to God in trouble cry,
who them from ſtraits doth free.

29 The ſtorm is chang'd into a calm,
at his command and will,
So that the waves which rag'd before,
now quiet are and ſtill.
30 Then are they glad, becauſe at reſt
and quiet now they be;
So to the haven he them brings,
which they deſir'd to ſee.

31 O that men to the Lord would give
praiſe, for his goodneſs, then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the ſons of men!
32 Among the people gathered,
let them exalt his name;
Among aſſembled elders ſpread
his moſt renowned fame.

33 He to dry land turns water-ſprings,
and floods to wilderneſs;
34 For ſins of thoſe that dwell therein,
fat land to barrenneſs.
35 The burnt and parched wilderneſs
to water-pools he brings,
The ground that was dry'd up before,
he turns to water-ſprings.

36 And there, for dwelling, he a place
doth to the hungry give,
That they a city may prepare,
commodiouſly to live.

37 There sow they fields and vineyards plant,
to yield fruits of increase.
38 His blessing makes them multiply,
lets not their beasts decrease.

39 Again they are diminished,
and very low brought down,
Through sorrow and affliction,
and great oppression.
40 He upon princes pours contempt,
and causeth them to stray,
And wander in a wilderness,
wherein there is no way.

41 Yet setteth he the poor on high
from all his miseries,
And he, much like unto a flock,
doth make him families.
42 They that are righteous shall rejoice,
when they the same shall see;
And, as ashamed, stop her mouth
shall all iniquity.

43 Whoso is wise, and will these things
observe, and them record,
Ev'n they shall understand the love
and kindness of the Lord.

PSALM CVIII.

A Psalm or Song of David.

The first five verses of this Psalm are taken from Psalm lvii. 7,—12.; and contain praises and thanksgivings to God.—The other eight are taken from Psalm lx. 5,—12.; and contain prayers for, and hopes of, promised mercies.——¶ Never scruple, my soul, to think, or to sing, or to pray over, the same subjects of importance; but let there be always a nearness of affection, newness of spiritual vigour.

MY heart is fix'd, Lord, I will sing,
and with my glory praise.
2 Awake up, psaltery and harp,
myself I'll early raise.

3 I'll praiſe thee 'mong the people, Lord,
'mong nations ſing will I.
4 For above heav'n thy mercy's great,
thy truth doth reach the ſky.
5 Be thou above the heavens, Lord,
exalted glorioufly:
Thy glory all the earth above
be lifted up on high.
6 That thoſe who thy beloved are,
delivered may be:
O do thou ſave with thy right hand,
and anſwer give to me.
7 God in his holineſs hath ſaid,
Herein I will take pleaſure,
Shechem I will divide, and forth
will Succoth's valley meaſure.
8 Gilead I claim as mine by right,
Manaſſeh mine ſhall be,
Ephra'm is of my head the ſtrength,
Judah gives laws for me.
9 Moab's my waſhing-pot, my ſhoe
I'll over Edom throw:
Over the land of Paleſtine
I will in triumph go.
10 O who is he will bring me to
the city fortify'd?
O who is he that to the land
of Edom will me guide?
11 O God, thou who hadſt caſt us off,
this thing wilt thou not do?
And wilt not thou, ev'n thou, O God,
forth with our armies go?
12 Do thou from trouble give us help:
for helpleſs is man's aid.
13 Through God we ſhall do valiantly:
our foes he ſhall down tread.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Probably David penned this Psalm with a view to Doeg or Ahitophel; and hence it is much akin to the 41st, 52d, 55th, 120th, and 140th. But the Holy Ghost herein hath a mediate respect to Jesus and Judas the traitor, Acts i. 20. Observe (1) the Psalmist's bitter complaints of his enemies as spiteful, deceitful, false, restless, unjust, ungrateful, ver. 1,—5.— (2) His fearful denunciations of divine vengeance against his distinguished foe, That he should be delivered into the hand of Satan;—should have his prayers rejected, his life shortened, his substance wasted, and his posterity rendered miserable, ver. 6,—20. (3) His lamentation over his inward trouble, his approaching death, his instability of condition, pining sickness, reproach of enemies; and his prayers for mercy to himself, confusion to his enemies, and glory to his God, ver. 21,—29. (4) His triumph in God, as his supporter and deliverer, amidst all his troubles, ver. 30, 31.——¶ While I sing, let me be affected with the sufferings of my Redeemer, and with the misery of these Jews and others, who abandon themselves to be his obstinate opposers. Let me implore, and by faith foresee, the complete ruin of all my spiritual enemies; and the full redemption of my soul, and of the whole mystical body of Christ, notwithstanding all our sinful poverty and plagues.

O Thou the God of all my praise,
do thou not hold thy peace.
2 For mouths of wicked men, to speak
against me do not cease;
The mouths of vile deceitful men
against me open'd be:
And with a false and lying tongue
they have accused me.

3 They did beset me round about
with words of hateful spite:
And though to them no cause I gave,
against me they did fight.
4 They for my love became my foes:
but I me set to pray.
5 Evil for good, hatred for love,
to me they did repay.

6 Set thou the wicked over him:
and upon his right hand
Give thou his greateſt enemy,
ev'n Satan, leave to ſtand.
7 And when by thee he ſhall be judg'd,
let him condemned be;
And let his prav'r be turn'd to ſin,
when he ſhall call on thee.
8 Few be his days, and in his room
his charge another take.
9 His children let be fatherleſs,
his wife a widow make.
10 His children let be vagabonds,
and beg continually:
And, from their places deſolate,
ſeek bread for their ſupply.
11 Let covetous extortioners
catch all he hath away:
Of all for which he labour'd hath
let ſtrangers make a prey.
12 Let there be none to pity him:
let there be none at all
That on his children fatherleſs
will let his mercy fall.
13 Let his poſterity from earth
cut off for ever be,
And in the following age their name
be blotted out by thee.
14 Let God his father's wickedneſs
ſtill to remembrance call:
And never let his mother's ſin
be blotted out at all.
15 But let them all before the Lord,
appear continually,
That he may wholly from the earth
cut off their memory.

16 Becauſe he mercy minded not,
but perſecuted ſtill
The poor and needy, that he might
the broken hearted kill.

17 As he in curſing pleaſure took,
ſo let it to him fall:
As he delighted not to bleſs,
ſo bleſs him not at all.

18 As curſing he like clothes put on,
into his bowels ſo,
Like water, and into his bones,
like oil, down let it go.

19 Like to the garment let it be
which doth himſelf array,
And for a girdle, wherewith he
is girt about alway.

20 From God let this be their reward
that en'mies are to me,
And their reward, that ſpeak againſt
my ſoul maliciouſly.

21 But do thou, for thine own name's ſake,
O God the Lord, for me:
Sith good and ſweet thy mercy is,
from trouble ſet me free.

22 For I am poor and indigent,
afflicted ſore am I,
My heart within me alſo is
wounded exceedingly.

23 I paſs like a declining ſhade,
am like the locuſt toſt.

24 My knees through faſting weak'ned are,
my fleſh hath fatneſs loſt.

25 I alſo am a vile reproach
unto them made to be:
And they that did upon me look,
did ſhake their heads at me.

26 O do thou help and succour me,
who art my God and Lord:
And, for thy tender mercies' sake,
safety to me afford:
27 That thereby they may know, that this
is thy almighty hand;
And that thou, Lord, hast done the same,
they may well understand.

28 Although they curse with spite, yet, Lord,
bless thou with loving voice:
Let them asham'd be when they rise;
thy servant let rejoice.
29 Let thou mine adversaries all
with shame be clothed over:
And let their own confusion
them, as a mantle cover.

30 But as for me, I with my mouth
will greatly praise the Lord;
And I among the multitude
his praises will record.
31 For he shall stand at his right-hand
who is in poverty,
To save him from all those that would
condemn his soul to die.

PSALM CX.

A Psalm of David.

This Psalm relates wholly to Jesus Christ: And represents Him (1) In his glorious offices, as a Prophet, gathering the nations by the proclamations of his gospel, the rod of his strength, ver. 2, 3.; as our great High Priest, ver. 4.; and as our exalted, victorious, and governing King, ver. 2, 3. 5, 6. (2) In his diversified states of debasement and exaltation, ver. 7. 1. 5. ——— ¶ While I sing, let mine eyes be fixed, wholly fixed, on my glorious Redeemer. Behold! how, having by himself purged our sins, he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high! Behold him, by the word of his grace, subduing multitudes of sinful men to himself! Behold him able to save to the uttermost, because he ever liveth to make inter-

ceſſion for us. And, let my mouth be filled with Hallelujahs and Hoſannas in the higheſt, to Him, who by water and by blood, cometh in the name of the Lord to ſave me.

THE Lord did ſay unto my Lord,
Sit thou at my right hand
Until I make thy foes a ſtool
whereon thy feet may ſtand.

2 The Lord ſhall out of Zion ſend
the rod of thy great pow'r:
In midſt of all thine enemies
be thou the governor.

3 A willing people, in thy day
of pow'r, ſhall come to thee,
In holy beauties from morn's womb:
thy youth like dew ſhall be.

4 The Lord himſelf hath made an oath,
and will repent him never,
Of th' order of Melchizedeck
thou art a prieſt for ever.

5 The glorious and mighty Lord,
that ſits at thy right hand,
Shall, in his day of wrath, ſtrike through
kings that do him withſtand.

6 He ſhall among the heathen judge,
he ſhall with bodies dead
The places fill: o'er many lands
he wound ſhall ev'ry head.

7 The brook that runneth in the way
with drink ſhall him ſupply:
And for this cauſe, in triumph he
ſhall lift his head on high.

PSALM CXI.

In this Pſalm, every ſentence of which begins with a new letter of the Hebrew alphabet, we have (1) The praiſing of God inculcated and exemplified, ver. 1. (2) The grounds of praiſe exhibited, viz. That God himſelf is gracious a

of compaſſion, and ever mindful of his covenant: and that his works are magnificent, pleaſant, righteous, wonderful, perfect, kind, prudent, and durable, and all conformed to his promiſe and covenant, ver. 2,—9. (3) A recommendation of an holy and reverential obedience to God, as the beginning of wiſdom, ver. 10.—¶ While I ſing, let my heart be all inflamed with the believing conſideration of the marvellous works of redemption, as wrought for and on my ſoul,—all filled with that love, which caſteth out ſlaviſh fear, but powerfully promotes the filial reverence and awe of God.

PRAISE ye the Lord. With my whole heart
I will God's praiſe declare,
Where the aſſemblies of the juſt
and congregations are.

2 The whole works of the Lord our God,
are great above all meaſure,
Sought out they are of ev'ry one
that doth therein take pleaſure.

3 His work moſt honourable is,
moſt glorious and pure:
And his untainted righteouſneſs
for ever doth endure.

4 His works moſt wonderful he hath
made to be thought upon:
The Lord is gracious, and he is
full of compaſſion.

5 He giveth meat unto all thoſe
that truly do him fear:
And evermore his covenant
he in his mind will bear.

6 He did the power of his works
unto his people ſhow,
When he the heathen's heritage
upon them did beſtow.

7 His handy-works are truth and right;
all his commands are ſure.

8 And done in truth and uprightneſs,
they evermore endure.

9 He ſent redemption to his folk
his covenant for ay
He did command: holy his name
and rev'rend is alway.

10 Wiſdom's beginning is God's fear:
good underſtanding they
Have all, that his commands fulfil:
his praiſe endures for ay.

PSALM CXII.

This Pſalm is alſo alphabetically compoſed, and contains (1) Invitations to praiſe God, ver. 1. (2) A delineation of the ſaints character and bleſſedneſs: That they are well principled, honeſt, ſincere, and kind; and ſhall be bleſſed with proſperity outward and inward, with comfort amidſt griefs, wiſdom amidſt perplexity; and with honour and ſtability; and ſhall have their poſterity bleſſed after them, ver. 2,—9. (3) The miſery of the wicked, ver. 10.——¶ While I ſing this, let me try my character, and rejoice in hope of being bleſſed in Chriſt Jeſus, with all ſpiritual, temporal, and everlaſting bleſſings.

PRAISE ye the Lord. The man is bleſs'd
that fears the Lord aright,
He who in his commandements
doth greatly take delight.
2 His ſeed and offſpring powerful
ſhall be the earth upon:
Of upright men bleſſed ſhall be
the generation.

3 Riches and wealth ſhall ever be
within his houſe in ſtore:
And his unſpotted righteouſneſs
endures for evermore.
4 Unto the upright light doth riſe,
though he in darkneſs be:
Compaſſionate, and merciful,
and righteous is he.

5 A good man doth his favour ſhew,
and doth to others lend;
He with diſcretion his affairs
will guide unto the end.
6 Surely there is not any thing
that ever ſhall him move:
The righteous man's memorial
ſhall everlaſting prove.
7 When he ſhall evil tidings hear,
he ſhall not be afraid:
His heart is fix'd, his confidence
upon the Lord is ſtay'd.
8 His heart is firmly eſtabliſhed,
afraid he ſhall not be,
Until upon his enemies
he his deſire ſhall ſee.
9 He hath diſpers'd, giv'n to the poor;
his righteouſneſs ſhall be
To ages all; with honour ſhall
his horn be raiſed high.
10 The wicked ſhall it ſee, and fret;
his teeth gnaſh, melt away:
What wicked men do moſt deſire
ſhall utterly decay.

PSALM CXIII.

This Pſalm with the five immediately following were called the great HALLELŪJAH, and uſed to be ſung at the paſſover ſupper, Mat. xxvi. 30. Here (1) We are ſolemnly called to celebrate the praiſes of God, ver. 1,—3. (2) We are plentifully furniſhed with matter of praiſe; viz. the heights of his glory and greatneſs, and the depths of his condeſcenſion and grace, ver. 4,—9.——¶ Think, O my ſoul, what the Lord hath done for me! and for mine! and for mankind!

PRAISE God. Ye ſervants of the Lord,
O praiſe, the Lord's name praiſe.
2 Yea, bleſſed be the name of God
from this time forth always.

3 From rising sun to where it sets,
God's name is to be prais'd.
4 Above all nations God is high,
'bove heav'ns his glory rais'd.
5 Unto the Lord our God, that dwells
on high, who can compare?
6 Himself that humbleth things to see
in heav'n and earth that are?
7 He from the dust doth raise the poor,
that very low doth lie,
And from the dunghill lifts the man
oppress'd with poverty:
8 That he may highly him advance,
and with the princes set,
With those that of his people are
the chief, ev'n princes great.
9 The barren woman house to keep
he maketh, and to be
Of sons a mother full of joy.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

PSALM CXIV.

In this Psalm, are celebrated (1) God's bringing Israel out of their Egyptian slavery, ver. 1. (2) His setting up his Tabernacle among them, and taking them for his peculiar people, ver. 2. (3) His dividing the Red-sea and Jordan before them, ver. 3. 5. (4) His awful descent on Mount Sinai, to give them his law, ver. 4. 6, 7. (5) His providing them with water from the flinty rocks, ver. 8.——¶ While I sing, let my soul be affected with the grace, the glory, the power of my God; and with the mighty things he hath done for men, chiefly in the work of our redemption;—and be encouraged to trust Him in the greatest straits.

WHEN Isra'l out of Egypt went,
and did his dwelling change,
When Jacob's house went out from those
that were of language strange;

2 He Judah did his ſanctuary,
his kingdom Iſra'l make,
3 The ſea it ſaw, and quickly fled;
Jordan was driven back.
4 Like rams the mountains, and like lambs
the hills ſkipp'd to and fro.
5 O ſea, why fled'ſt thou? Jordan back
why waſt thou driven ſo?
6 Ye mountains great, wherefore was it
that ye did ſkip like rams?
And wherefore was it, little hills,
that ye did leap like lambs?
7 O at the preſence of the Lord,
earth, tremble thou for fear,
While as the preſence of the God
of Jacob doth appear.
8 Who from the hard and ſtony rock
did ſtanding water bring,
And by his power did turn the flint
into a water-ſpring.

PSALM CXV.

This Pſalm inſtructs us, (1) To whom glory and praiſe ought to be aſcribed: Not to ourſelves, but to God's mercy and truth, ver. 1.: Not to lifeleſs, ſenſeleſs idols, but to God, whoſe throne is in the heavens, and who doth whatever he pleaſeth, ver. 2,—8. 15, 16. (2) How we are to glorify God, (1) By truſting in him, crediting his promiſe, and receiving his bleſſings, ver. 9,—15. (2) By bleſſing him while we live, ver. 17, 18.—¶ Learn, my ſoul, to deny thyſelf; to take up thy croſs and follow Chriſt; and to keep thyſelf from idols. But, make JEHOVAH, as reconciled in Chriſt, thy portion, thy truſt, thy help, thy ſhield, thy bleſſedneſs, thy comfort, thy praiſe; and conſider thine earthly enjoyments as the gracious gifts of thy God, and an earneſt of thy far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

NOT unto us, Lord, not to us,
but do thou glory take
Unto thy name, ev'n for thy truth
and for thy mercy's ſake.

2 O wherefore ſhould the heathen ſay,
Where is their God now gone?
3 But our God in the heavens is,
what pleas'd him he hath done.
4 Their idols ſilver are and gold,
work of men's hands they be.
5 Mouths have they, but they do not ſpeak;
and eyes, but do not ſee.
6 Ears have they, but they do not hear;
noſes, but ſavour not.
7 Hands, feet, but handle not, nor walk:
nor ſpeak they through their throat.
8 Like them their makers are; and all
on them their truſt that build.
9 O Iſra'l, truſt thou in the Lord:
he is their help and ſhield.
10 O Aaron's houſe, truſt in the Lord:
their help and ſhield is he.
11 Ye that fear God, truſt in the Lord:
their help and ſhield he'll be.
12 The Lord of us hath mindful been,
and he will bleſs us ſtill;
He will the houſe of Iſra'l bleſs,
bleſs Aaron's houſe he will.
13 Both ſmall and great that fear the Lord,
he will them ſurely bleſs.
14 The Lord will you, you and your ſeed
ay more and more increaſe.
15 O bleſſed are ye of the Lord,
who made the earth and heav'n.
16 The heav'n, ev'n heav'ns are God's: but he
earth to men's ſons hath giv'n.
17 The dead, nor who to ſilence go,
God's praiſe do not record.
18 But henceforth we for ever will
bleſs God. Praiſe ye the Lord.

This is a Pſalm of thankſgiving, ſomewhat ſimilar to the 18th, 30th, 40th, and 103d; and repreſents (1) The Pſalmiſt's great diſtreſs and danger, which had almoſt driven him to deſpair, ver. 3—10, 11. (2) The application he made to God, by prayer, for relief; and his experience of God's gracious kindneſs, in granting his requeſts; in hearing, pitying, and delivering him, ver. 1, 2. 4, 5, 6. 8. (3) His ſincere and hearty reſolutions, to make a grateful acknowledgment of God's kindneſs, by loving him, ver. 1.; continuing to call on him and receive from him, ver. 2. 13.—17.; reſting in him, ver. 7.; walking before him as his devoted ſervant, ver. 9. 16.; public confeſſion of God's tender regard to him, ver. 12. 15.; and ſincere and public paying of his vows to him, ver. 10,—19. ¶ While I ſing, let me think, as before God, what of theſe bleſſings I have experienced: What of theſe duties I have earneſtly practiſed. If God hath redeemed me from the broken law;—from the loweſt hell; from the mouth of the infernal lion; and from the power of my corrupt luſts;—let my ſoul, and all that is within me, be ſtirred up to bleſs his holy name; and let me never loſe the heart-animating impreſſions of his benefits.

I Love the Lord, becauſe my voice
and prayers he did hear.
2 I, while I live, will call on him,
who bow'd to me his ear.
3 Of death the cords and ſorrows did
about me compaſs round,
The pains of hell took hold on me:
I grief and trouble found.
4 Upon the name of God the Lord
then did I call; and ſay,
Deliver thou my ſoul, O Lord,
I do thee humbly pray.
5 God merciful and righteous is:
yea, gracious is our Lord.
6 God ſaves the meek: I was brought low,
he did me help afford.
7 O thou my ſoul, do thou return
unto thy quiet reſt,
For largely, lo, the Lord to thee
his bounty hath expreſt.

8 For my distressed soul from death
deliver'd was by thee;
Thou didst my mourning eyes from tears,
my feet from falling free.

9 I in the land of those that live,
will walk the Lord before.
10 I did believe, therefore I spake:
I was afflicted sore.
11 I said, when I was in my haste,
that all men liars be.
12 What shall I render to the Lord,
for all his gifts to me?

13 I'll of salvation take the cup
on God's name will I call.
14 I'll pay my vows now to the Lord,
before his people all.
15 Dear in God's sight is his saints' death.
16 Thy servant, Lord am I,
Thy servant sure, thine handmaid's son:
my bands thou didst untie.

17 Thank-off'rings I to thee will give,
and on God's name will call.
18 I'll pay my vows now to the Lord,
before his people all;
19 Within the courts of God's own house,
within the midst of thee,
O city of Jerusalem.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

PSALM CXVII.

This Psalm relates to the Gospel-church. Here are (1) A short, but solemn call, to the redeemed of all nations, to praise their God, ver. 1, 2. (2) Rich matter of praise suggested, viz. the unbounded mercy and everlasting faithfulness of God; and hence the fulness, kindness, and stability of his covenant-promises, and the accomplishment thereof, ver. 2. —— ¶ If the Psalm be short, let me sing it in the full assurance of faith, and with a heart all inflamed with the loving-kindness, and all —

raptured with admiration of the goodneſs of God, towards men, towards the Gentiles, and towards my ſoul.

O Give ye praiſe unto the Lord,
all nations that be:
Likewiſe, ye people all, accord
his name to magnify.
2 For great to us-ward ever are
his loving-kindneſſes:
His truth endures for evermore.
The Lord O do ye bleſs.

PSALM CXVIII.

This Pſalm was probably compoſed by David, ſoon after his advancement to, and ſettlement on, his throne, 2 Sam. v. viii. And contains (1) His earneſt exhortations to perſons of all ranks, offices, and ſtates, to praiſe the Lord, for his everlaſting mercy and kindneſs, ver. 1,—4. (2) By a recital of the great and gracious things, which God had done for him; he encourageth himſelf and others, to truſt in God alone, ver. 5,—18. (3) His thankſgivings for God's advancement of him to the throne, notwithſtanding of all oppoſition,—as typical of the exaltation of Jeſus Chriſt, ver. 19,—23. (4) His and the prieſts and people's triumph in the expected proſperity of his reign; and of the flouriſhing kingdom of Chriſt, ver. 24,—29.—¶ While I ſing, let my ſoul ſoar aloft to Jeſus and his ſure mercies. Let me behold him, who, for the ſuffering of death, was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour, having all his enemies put under his feet, but himſelf inveſted with all power in heaven and in earth,—and furniſhed with all gifts for men; yea for the rebellious alſo, that God the Lord may dwell among them; and, as the God of their ſalvation, daily load them with his benefits. Let me rejoice in his highneſs, and have myſelf, and all my ſervices, bound with cords to his altar; and God forbid, I ſhould conclude the notes, without entering into the very marrow of the ſenſe. Thou art MY GOD, I'll thee exalt; MY God, I will thee praiſe.

O Praiſe the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy laſteth ever.
2 Let thoſe of Iſrael now ſay,
His mercy faileth never.
3 Now let the houſe of Aaron ſay,
His mercy laſteth ever.

4 Let thoſe that fear the Lord, now ſay,
His mercy faileth never.

5 I in diſtreſs call'd on the Lord;
the Lord did anſwer me:
He in a large place did me ſet,
from trouble made me free.

6 The mighty Lord is on my ſide,
I will not be afraid:
For any thing that man can do
I ſhall not be diſmay'd.

7 The Lord doth take my part with them
that help to ſuccour me;
Therefore, on thoſe that do me hate,
I my deſire ſhall ſee.

8 Better it is to truſt in God,
than truſt in man's defence:

9 Better to truſt in God, than make
princes our confidence.

10 The nations, joining all in one,
did compaſs me about:
But, in the Lord's moſt holy name,
I ſhall them all root out.

11 They compaſs'd me about, I ſay,
they compaſs'd me about:
But, in the Lord's moſt holy name,
I ſhall them all root out.

12 Like bees they compaſs'd me about;
like unto thorns that flame,
They quenched are: for them ſhall I
deſtroy in God's own name.

13 Thou ſore haſt thruſt, that I might fall;
but my Lord helped me.

14 God my ſalvation is become;
my ſtrength and ſong is he.

15 In dwellings of the righteous
is heard the melody

Of joy and health: the Lord's right hand
doth ever valiantly.
16 The right hand of the mighty Lord
exalted is on high:
The right hand of the mighty Lord
doth ever valiantly.

17 I ſhall not die, but live, and ſhall
the works of God diſcover.
18 The Lord hath me chaſtiſed ſore,
but not to death giv'n over.
19 O ſet ye open unto me
the gates of right'ouſneſs:
Then will I enter into them,
and I the Lord will bleſs.

20 This is the gate of God, by it
the juſt ſhall enter in.
21 Thee will I praiſe, for thou me heardſt,
and haſt my ſafety been.
22 That Stone is made head Corner-ſtone,
which builders did deſpiſe:
23 This is the doing of the Lord,
and wondrous in our eyes.

24 This is the day God made, in it
we'll joy triumphantly.
25 Save now, I pray thee, Lord, I pray,
ſend now proſperity.
26 Bleſſed is he, in God's great name,
that cometh us to ſave.
We, from the houſe which to the Lord
pertains, you bleſſed have.

27 God is the Lord, who unto us
hath made light to ariſe:
Bind ye unto the altar's horns,
with cords the ſacrifice.
28 Thou art my God, I'll thee exalt;
my God, I will thee praiſe.

29 Give thanks to God, for he is good:
his mercy lasts always.

PSALM CXIX.

This Psalm is a collection of David's precious thoughts, sorrowful complaints, humble petitions, and holy resolutions, which, it seems, he had wrote down as they occurred; and which, in the end of his life, he digested into the form in which they now stand, consisting of as many parts as there are letters in the Hebrew alphabet, the eight verses of each always beginning with the same letter in the original. The general scope of it is, to magnify God's word, and make it honourable. To intimate that it informs us of whatever we ought to expect from God, in the way of gracious donation; and of whatever he may expect from us, in the way of grateful returns of duty; it is represented under ten different characters, one or other of which, is to be found in every verse, excepting the 122d and 132d,——As God's LAW, because framed and published by him as our Sovereign;—His COMMANDMENTS, because given with authority and lodged with us as a trust;—His PRECEPTS, because peremptorily prescribed, and not left as a thing indifferent;—His STATUTES, because it is fixed and determined, and of perpetual obligation;—His WORD, because it is the declaration of his mind, and Christ his essential Word is ALL, and IN ALL therein;—His WAY, because it represents Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and is the rule of our faith and obedience;—His TESTIMONIES, because therein God, upon his word, his oath, and writ, declares to men the truths necessary to be known, in order to his honour and their salvation,—as ratified in the death of his Son;—His JUDGMENTS, because it is framed in infinite wisdom, and by it we must both judge, and be judged;—but in ver. 75. 84. 121. Judgment denotes righteous conduct;—it is called his RIGHTEOUSNESS, because it is holy, just and good, and is the perfect standard of righteousness;—and his TRUTH or FAITHFULNESS, because its leading truths are eternal; and the faithfulness of God is pledged in every point thereof.——¶ While I sing, let me, all along, enter into the spirit of the Psalm. Let my delight be in God's testimonies; my desires after God's presence; and my endeavours, to have God honoured. Let God's word be my rule, my food, my armour, my wealth, my comfort; and God himself, as therein revealed and bestowed, be my everlasting and infinite ALL.

ALEPH. *Part 1ſt.*

Here (1) David marks out holy men as the only bleſſed men, ver. 1,—3. (2) Begs, that to his own honour and ſatisfaction, he may be helped of God to an upright obſervance of his laws, ver. 4,—6 (3) In the faith of God's direction and aſſiſtance, he reſolves to praiſe and obey him, ver. 7, 8.

BLESSED are they that undefil'd,
and ſtraight are in the way:
Who in the Lord's moſt holy law
do walk, and do not ſtray.

2 Bleſſed are they, who to obſerve
his ſtatutes are inclin'd;
And who do ſeek the living God,
with their whole heart and mind.

3 Such in his ways do walk, and they
do no iniquity.

4 Thou haſt commanded us to keep
thy precepts carefully.

5 O that thy ſtatutes to obſerve
thou wouldſt my ways direct!

6 Then ſhall I not be ſham'd, when I
thy precepts all reſpect.

7 Then, with integrity of heart,
thee will I praiſe and bleſs,
When I the judgments all have learn'd
of thy pure right'ouſneſs.

8 That I will keep thy ſtatutes all
firmly reſolv'd have I:
O do not then, moſt gracious God,
forſake me utterly.

BETH. *Part 2d.*

He (1) Points out the proper method of mortifying luſts and attaining true holineſs, ver. 9. (2) Profeſſeth his attachment to God and his word, and ſupplicates wiſdom, direction, and ſupport, ver. 10,—12. (3) Reflects with ſatisfaction on his former regard to God's truths and ways, ver. 13, 14. And (4) Reſolves to perſevere therein, ver. 15, 16.

9 By what means ſhall a young man learn
his way to purify?
If he according to thy word
thereto attentive be.
10 Unfeignedly thee have I ſought
with all my ſoul and heart;
O let me not from the right path
of thy commands depart.
11 Thy word I in my heart have hid,
that I offend not thee.
12 O Lord, thou ever bleſſed art:
thy ſtatutes teach thou me.
13 The judgments of thy mouth each one
my lips declared have.
14 More joy thy teſtimonies' way
than riches all me gave.
15 I will thy holy precepts make
my meditation,
And carefully I'll have reſpect
unto thy ways each one.
16 Upon thy ſtatutes my delight
ſhall conſtantly be ſet:
And by thy grace I never will
thy holy word forget.

GIMEL. *Part 3d.*

(1) With eagerneſs and longings of heart, he ſupplicates divine favour, and inſtruction in God's truths, ver. 17,—20. (2) Remarks the juſt vengeance of God upon ſuch as wander from his ways, ver. 21. (3) Supplicates preſervation from reproach, as he obſerved, meditated on, delighted in, and conſulted, God's word, in all his conduct, ver. 22,—24.

17 With me thy ſervant, in thy grace,
deal bountifully, Lord,
That by thy favour I may live,
and duly keep thy word.
18 Open mine eyes, that of thy law
the wonders I may ſee.

19 I am a ſtranger on this earth,
hide not thy laws from me.

20 My ſoul within me breaks, and doth
much fainting ſtill endure,
Through longing that it hath all times
unto thy judgments pure.

21 Thou haſt rebuk'd the curſed proud,
who from thy precepts ſwerve.

22 Reproach and ſhame remove from me,
for I thy laws obſerve.

23 Againſt me princes ſpake with ſpite,
while they in counſel ſat:
But I thy ſervant did upon
thy ſtatutes meditate.

24 My comfort, and my heart's delight,
thy teſtimonies be,
And they in all my doubts and fears
are counſellors to me.

DALETH. *Part 4th.*

He (1) Repreſents his diſtreſs, and his behaviour under it, ver. 25, 28. 26. 30, 31. (2) Supplicates ſpiritual quickening, inſtruction, ſtrength, rectitude of ſentiment, and honour, in the Lord's way, ver. 25,—31. (3) Reſolves, under the influences of heaven, to be more active in holineſs, ver. 32.

25 My ſoul to duſt cleaves: quicken me
according to thy word.

26 My ways I ſhew'd, and me thou heard'ſt;
teach me thy ſtatutes, Lord.

27 The way of thy commandements
make me aright to know:
So all thy works that wondrous are
I ſhall to others ſhow.

28 My ſoul doth melt, and drop away,
for heavineſs and grief:
To me, according to thy word,
give ſtrength and ſend relief.

29 From me the wicked way of lies
let far removed be:
And graciously thy holy law
do thou grant unto me.

30 I chosen have the perfect way
of truth and verity:
Thy judgments that most righteous are
before me laid have I.

31 I to thy testimonies cleave:
shame do not on me cast.

32 I'll run thy precepts way, when thou
my heart enlarged hast.

HE. *Part 5th.*

He (1) Prays for divine instructions, sanctifying influences, and quickening grace; and for the accomplishment of God's promises to him;—and against covetousness, vanity, and reproach, ver. 33,—40. (2) Enforces his requests, from his holy resolutions; his relation to God; his zeal for his honour, and his regard to his excellent declarations, promises, and precepts, ver. 33, 34. 38. 40. 39.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the perfect way
of thy precepts divine,
And to observe it to the end
I shall my heart incline.

34 Give understanding unto me,
so keep thy law shall I,
Yea, ev'n with my whole heart I shall
observe it carefully.

35 In thy law's path make me to go,
for I delight therein.

36 My heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to greed, incline.

37 Turn thou away my sight and eyes
from viewing vanity:
And in thy good and holy way
be pleas'd to quicken me.

38 Confirm to me thy gracious word
which I did gladly hear,
Ev'n to thy ſervant, Lord, who is
devoted to thy fear.
39 Turn thou away my fear'd reproach:
for good thy judgments be.
40 Lo, for thy precepts I have long'd:
in thy truth quicken me.

VAU. *Part 6th.*

Here are (1) The prayers he preſented to God, ver. 41.—43.—(2) The graces he exerciſed upon God and his word, faith, hope, love, ver. 42, 43. 47, 48. (3) The practice he reſolved on, through grace; to keep God's law; to ſeek and chearfully practiſe his precepts; boldly publiſh his truth to others; and to delight in, meditate on, and zealouſly reduce them to practice, ver. 44,—48.

41 Let thy ſweet mercies alſo come,
and viſit me, O Lord:
Ev'n thy benign ſalvation,
according to thy word.
42 So ſhall I have wherewith I may
give him an anſwer juſt,
Who ſpitefully reproacheth me;
for in thy word I truſt.

43 The word of truth out of my mouth
take thou not utterly;
For on thy judgments righteous
my hope doth ſtill rely.
44 So ſhall I keep for evermore
thy law continually.
45 And, ſith that I thy precepts ſeek,
I'll walk at liberty.

46 I'll ſpeak thy word to kings, and I
with ſhame ſhall not be mov'd:
47 And will delight myſelf always
in thy laws, which I lov'd.

48 To thy commandments, which I lov'd,
my hands lift up I will:
And I will alſo meditate
upon thy ſtatutes ſtill.

ZAIN. *Part 7th.*

Repreſents (1) The comfort he had found in God's word, ver. 49, 50. 52. 54. (2) His deſire, that God would fulfil his promiſes, ver. 49.; and his care to remember, think on, and practiſe God's truths, ver. 51, 52. 55, 56. (3) The injurious reproach he ſuffered from the wicked; and his abhorrence of their ſin, and dread of their puniſhment, ver. 51. 53.

49 Remember, Lord, thy gracious word
thou to thy ſervant ſpake,
Which, for a ground of my ſure hope,
thou cauſedſt me to take.

50 This word of thine my comfort is,
in mine affliction:
For in my ſtraits I am reviv'd,
by this thy word alone.

51 The men whoſe hearts with pride are ſtuff'd,
did greatly me deride:
Yet from thy ſtraight commandements
I have not turn'd aſide.

52 Thy judgments righteous, O Lord,
which thou of old forth gave,
I did remember; and myſelf
by them comforted have.

53 Horror took hold on me, becauſe
ill men thy law forſake.

54 I, in my houſe of pilgrimage,
thy laws my ſongs do make.

55 Thy name by night, Lord, I did mind,
and I have kept thy law.

56 And this I had, becauſe thy word
I kept, and ſtood in awe.

HHETH. *Part 8th.*

We have here (1) The portion he chose, ver. 57. (2) The purpose he formed, ver. 57. (3) The prayers he offered up for favour, mercy, and instruction, ver. 58,—64. (4) The penitential care he took to obey God's law, ver, 59, 60, 61. (5) The complaint he uttered, ver. 61. (6) His fervent thanksgiving, ver. 62. (7) His choice companions, ver. 63. (8) His deep sense of God's abundant mercy and grace, ver. 64.

57 Thou my sure portion art alone,
which I did chuse, O Lord:
I have resolv'd, and said, that I
would keep thy holy word.
58 With my whole heart I did intreat
thy face, and favour free:
According to thy gracious word,
be merciful to me.
59 I thought upon my former ways,
and did my life well try;
And to thy testimonies pure
my feet then turned I.
60 I did not stay, nor linger long,
as those that slothful are;
But hastily thy laws to keep
myself I did prepare.
61 Bands of ill men me robb'd; yet I
thy precepts did not slight.
62 I'll rise at midnight, thee to praise,
ev'n for thy judgments right.
63 I am companion to all those
who fear, and thee obey.
64 O Lord, thy mercy fills the earth:
teach me thy laws, I pray.

TETH. *Part 9th.*

Contains (1) Hearty acknowledgments of God's faithfulness and goodness, and of the excellency and usefulness of his word, ver. 65. 68. 72. (2) Humble acknowledgments of the advantage he had received from his afflictions, ver. 67. 71.

(3) Complaints of the pride, calumnious reproach, and luxurious ſtupidity, of wicked men, ver. 69, 70. (4) Supplications for divine inſtruction, ver. 66. 68. (5) Declarations of his regard to God's word, and reſolutions to perſevere in the obſervance thereof, ver. 66,——72.

65 Well haſt thou with thy ſervant dealt,
as thou didſt promiſe give.
66 Good judgment me, and knowledge teach;
for I thy word believe.
67 Ere I afflicted was, I ſtray'd;
but now I keep thy word.
68 Both good thou art, and good thou doſt:
teach me thy ſtatutes, Lord.

69 The men, that are puft up with pride,
againſt me forg'd a lie;
Yet thy commandements obſerve,
with my whole heart, will I.
70 Their hearts, thro' worldly eaſe and wealth,
as fat as greaſe they be:
But in thy holy law I take
delight continually.

71 It hath been very good for me,
that I afflicted was,
That I might well inſtructed be,
and learn thy holy laws.
72 The word, that cometh from thy mouth,
is better unto me,
Than many thouſands, and great ſums
of gold and ſilver be.

JOD. *Part 10th.*

Contains (1) Thankful acknowledgments of God's kindneſs, in creation; and of his equity and faithfulneſs in afflicting, ver. 73. 75. (2) Earneſt ſupplications for divine inſtruction, and for freſh diſcoveries of God's mercy; and for the confuſion of enemies, and the comfortable fellowſhip of friends; and for an honourable ſoundneſs of heart, ver. 73. 76, 77. 79, 80. (3) Holy joy in the comfort of fellow ſaints, and eſpecially in God's mercy and word, ver. 74. 76, 77. (4) An holy

solution to meditate on and cleave to God's testimonies, amidst persecution, ver. 78.

73 Thou mad'st and fashion'dst me: thy laws
to know, give wisdom, Lord:
74 So who thee fear, shall joy to see
me trusting in thy word.
75 That very right thy judgments are
I know, and do confess;
And that thou hast afflicted me,
in truth and faithfulness.

76 O let thy kindness merciful,
I pray thee, comfort me,
As to thy servant faithfully
was promised by thee.
77 And let thy tender mercies come
to me, that I may live;
Because thy holy laws to me
sweet delectation give.

78 Lord, let the proud ashamed be;
for they, without a cause,
With me perversely dealt; but I
will muse upon thy laws.
79 Let such as fear thee, and have known
thy statutes, turn to me.
80 My heart let in thy laws be sound,
that sham'd I never be.

GAPH. *Part* 11*th*.

Contains (1) Bitter complaints of great and long distress ver. 81,——87. (2) Fervent supplications for speedy comfort, help, and quickening, ver. 82. 86. 88. (3) Pleas, wherewith these supplications are enforced; as that his distress was become insupportable; that his hope was in God's word, and he clave to it in his profession and practise; that his life was but short, to have so much of it spent in the furnace of affliction; that the malice and pride of his enemies were exceeding; and, in fine, that God's loving-kindness was infinite, ver. 81,——88.

81 My ſoul for thy ſalvation faints;
yet I thy word believe.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word: I ſay
When wilt thou comfort give?
83 For like a bottle I'm become
that in the ſmoke is ſet,
I'm black and parch'd with grief: yet I
thy ſtatutes not forget.
84 How many are thy ſervant's days?
when wilt thou execute
Juſt judgment on theſe wicked men
that do me perſecute?
85 The proud have digged pits for me,
which is againſt thy laws.
86 Thy words all faithful are: help me
purſu'd without a cauſe.
87 They ſo conſum'd me, that on earth
my life thee ſcarce did leave:
Thy precepts yet forſook I not,
but cloſe to them did cleave.
88 After thy loving-kindneſs, Lord,
me quicken and preſerve;
The teſtimony of thy mouth
ſo ſhall I ſtill obſerve.

LAMED. *Part 12th.*

Repreſents (1) The eternity and unchangeableneſs of God's word, and works, ver. 89, 90, 91. (2) The advantage of delighting in and cleaving to God's truths, ver. 92, 93. (3) God's intereſt in men, a reaſon of his ſaving the obſervers of his law, ver. 94. (4) David's adherence to God's truths amidſt furious perſecution, ver. 95. (5) The ſuperlative excellency of God's word, above all earthly enjoyments, ver. 96.

89 Thy word for ever is, O Lord,
in heaven ſettled faſt.
90 Unto all generations
thy faithfulneſs doth laſt.

The earth thou haſt eſtabliſhed,
and it abides by thee.
91 This day they ſtand as thou ordain'dſt:
for all thy ſervants be.
92 Unleſs in thy moſt perfect law,
my ſoul delights had found,
I ſhould have periſhed, when as
my troubles did abound.
93 Thy precepts I will ne'er forget:
they quick'ning to me brought.
94 Lord, I am thine, O ſave thou me:
thy precepts I have ſought.
95 For me the wicked have laid wait,
me ſeeking to deſtroy:
But I thy teſtimonies true
conſider will with joy.
96 An end of all perfection
here have I ſeen, O God:
But as for thy commandement,
it is exceeding broad.

MEM. *Part 13th.*

Repreſents the Pſalmiſt's ardent affection to God's law, ver. 97. Becauſe (1) Thereby he had attained much uſeful knowledge and wiſdom, ver. 98,——100. (2) Thereby he was enabled to refrain from and hate ſin, ver. 101. 104. (3) Thereby he was preſerved ſteady, in the path of his duty, ver. 101, 102. (4) Thereby he obtained much comfort to his ſoul, ver. 103.

97 O how love I thy law! it is
my ſtudy all the day.
98 It makes me wiſer than my foes:
for it doth with me ſtay.
99 Than all my teachers now I have
more underſtanding far:
Becauſe my meditation
thy teſtimonies are.

100 In underſtanding I excel
those that are ancients:
For I endeavoured to keep
all thy commandements.
101 My feet from each ill way I ſtay'd,
that I may keep thy word.
102 I from thy judgments have not ſwerv'd;
for thou haſt taught me, Lord.

103 How ſweet unto my taſte, O Lord,
are all thy words of truth!
Yea, I do find them ſweeter far
than honey to my mouth.
104 I through thy precepts, that are pure,
do underſtanding get:
I therefore ev'ry way that's falſe
with all my heart do hate.

NUN. *Part 14th.*

Repreſents (1) The remarkable uſefulneſs of God's word, ver. 105. (2) David's ſolemn dedication of himſelf to God's ſervice, ver. 106. (3) His recourſe to God by prayer under his afflictions, ver. 107, 108. (4) His faithful adherence to God's way, amidſt trouble and perſecution, ver. 109, 110. (5) His ſolemn and deliberate choice of God's word, for his portion and rule, ver. 111, 112.

105 Thy word is to my feet a lamp,
and to my path a light.
106 I ſworn have, and I will perform,
to keep thy judgments right.
107 I am with ſore affliction
ev'n overwhelm'd, O Lord,
In mercy raiſe and quicken me,
according to thy word.

108 The free-will-off'rings of my mouth
accept, I thee beſeech:
And unto me thy ſervant, Lord,
thy judgments clearly teach.

109 Tho' ſtill my ſoul be in my hand,
thy laws I'll not forget.
110 I err'd not from them, tho' for me
the wicked ſnares did ſet.

111 I of thy teſtimonies have,
above all things, made choice,
To be my heritage for ay;
for they my heart rejoice.
112 I carefully inclined have
my heart, ſtill to attend;
That I thy ſtatutes may perform
alway unto the end.

SAMECH. *Part 15th.*

We have here, (1) David's hatred of ſin, and love of God's law, ver. 113. (2) His profeſſion of dependence upon God, ver. 114. (3) His debarring of wicked men from his company, ver. 115. (4) His prayer for ſupport, comfort, and honour, in the Lord's way, ver. 116, 117. (5) His foreſight of, and trembling at the ruin of the wicked, ver. 118——120.

113 I hate the thoughts of vanity,
but love thy law do I.
114 My ſhield and hiding-place thou art:
I on thy word rely.
115 All ye that evil-doers are,
from me depart away;
For the commandments of my God
I purpoſe to obey.

116 According to thy faithful word,
uphold and eſtabliſh me,
That I may live, and of my hope
aſhamed never be.
117 Hold thou me up, ſo ſhall I be
in peace and ſafety ſtill:
And to thy ſtatutes have reſpect
continually I will.

118 Thou tread'st down all that love to stray:
false their deceit doth prove.
119 Lewd men like dross away thou putt'st:
therefore thy law I love.
120 For fear of thee, my very flesh
doth tremble, all dismay'd;
And of thy righteous judgments, Lord,
my soul is much afraid.

AIN. *Part 16th.*

Here David (1) Appeals to God for his integrity and equity, ver. 121. (2) Supplicates that God would protect him against enemies; grant him merciful deliverance, and saving instruction; and smile for the maintainance of his own honour, ver. 121,—126. (3) Enforces his requests with these pleas, That he was God's servant, and that he could no longer bear up under trouble, ver. 122,——125. (4) Professeth his superlative regard to God's law, and hatred of all iniquity, ver. 127, 128.

121 To all men I have judgment done,
performing justice right:
Then let me not be left unto
my fierce oppressors' might.
122 For good unto thy servant, Lord,
thy servant's surety be:
From the oppression of the proud
do thou deliver me.
123 Mine eyes do fail with looking long
for thy salvation,
The word of thy pure righteousness
while I do wait upon.
124 In mercy with thy servant deal,
thy laws me teach and show.
125 I am thy servant, wisdom give,
that I thy laws may know.
126 'Tis time thou work, Lord; for they have
made void thy law divine.
127 Therefore thy precepts more I love
than gold, yea, gold most fine.

128 Concerning all things thy commands
all right I judge therefore:
And ev'ry falſe and wicked way
I perfectly abhor.

PE. *Part 17th.*

Here David (1) Declares his eſteem of, and regard to, God's word, ver. 129,——131.; and his deep concern for men's violation thereof, ver. 136. (2) Supplicates for mercy, direction, preſervation, deliverance, ſpiritual comfort, and inſtruction, ver. 132,——135.

129 Thy ſtatutes, Lord, are wonderful:
my ſoul them keeps with care.
130 The entrance of thy word gives light;
makes wiſe who ſimple are.
131 My mouth I have wide opened,
and panted earneſtly:
While after thy commandements
I long'd exceedingly.
132 Look on me, Lord, and merciful
do thou unto me prove,
As thou art wont to do to thoſe
thy name who truly love.
133 O let my footſteps in thy word
aright ſtill order'd be:
Let no iniquity obtain
dominion over me.
134 From man's oppreſſion ſave thou me:
ſo keep thy laws I will.
135 Thy face make on thy ſervant ſhine:
teach me thy ſtatutes ſtill.
136 Rivers of waters from mine eyes
did run down, when I ſaw
How wicked men run on in ſin,
and do not keep thy law.

TZADE. *Part 18th.*

Contains (1) David's celebration of the righteousneſs of God's nature and work, and of the righteouſneſs, faithfulneſs, and purity of his word, ver. 137, 138. 140. 142. 144. (2) His avowed remembrance of, zeal for, and delight in God's word, notwithſtanding of much contempt and trouble, ſuffered on account of his adherence to it, ver. 139,——143. (3) His fervent prayer for ſpiritual inſtruction, ver. 144.

137 O Lord, thou art moſt righteous,
thy judgments are upright.
138 Thy teſtimonies thou command'ſt,
moſt faithful are and right.
139 My zeal hath ev'n conſumed me:
becauſe mine enemies
Thy holy words forgotten have,
and do thy laws deſpiſe.
140 Thy word's moſt pure: therefore on it
thy ſervant's love is ſet.
141 Small and deſpis'd I am: yet I
thy precepts not forget.
142 Thy righteouſneſs is righteouſneſs
which ever doth endure;
Thy holy law, Lord, alſo is
the very truth moſt pure.
143 Trouble and anguiſh have me found,
and taken hold on me:
Yet in my trouble my delights
thy juſt commandments be.
144 Eternal righteouſneſs is in
thy teſtimonies all:
Lord, to me underſtanding give,
and ever live I ſhall.

KOPH. *Part 19th.*

Contains (1) David's importunate ſupplications for gracious audience, neceſſary ſalvation, and quickening influence, ver. 145,——147. 149. (2) His hopes in, and meditations on, God's word, as perfectly true and perpetually ſtable, ver. 1.

148. 151, 152. (3) In danger from wicked men, he flees to God for relief, ver. 149,——151.

145 With my whole heart I cry'd, Lord, hear:
I will thy word obey.
146 I cry'd to thee, save me, and I
will keep thy laws alway.
147 I of the morning did prevent
the dawning, and did cry:
For all mine expectation
did on thy word rely.
148 Mine eyes did timeously prevent
the watches of the night,
That in thy word, with careful mind,
then meditate I might.
149 After thy loving-kindness hear
my voice, that calls on thee:
According to thy judgment, Lord,
revive and quicken me.
150 Who follow mischief, they draw nigh:
they from thy law are far.
151 But thou art near, Lord: most firm truth
all thy commandments are.
152 As for thy testimonies all,
of old this have I try'd,
That thou hast surely founded them
for ever to abide.

RESH. *Part 20th.*

Contains (1) David's cries to God, That he would consider his affliction, plead his cause, deliver him, and quicken his soul, ver. 153. 154. 156. 159. (2) His adherence to, love for, and high esteem of, God's word, ver. 153, 154. 157. 159, 160. (3) His description of the character and misery of the wicked, ver. 155. 157, 158.

153 Consider mine affliction,
in safety do me set,
Deliver me, O Lord: for I
thy law do not forget.

154 After thy word revive thou me:
save me, and plead my cause.
155 Salvation is from sinners far:
for they seek not thy laws.

156 O Lord, both great and manifold
thy tender mercies be:
According to thy judgments just
revive and quicken me.
157 My persecutors many are,
and foes, that do combine:
Yet from thy testimonies pure
my heart doth not decline.

158 I saw transgressors, and was griev'd:
for they keep not thy word.
159 See how I love thy law: as thou
art kind, me quicken, Lord.
160 From the beginning all thy word
hath been most true and sure:
Thy righteous judgments ev'ry one
for evermore endure.

SCHIN. *Part 21st.*

Here (1) David complains to God of persecution from princes, ver. 161. (2) Professeth his holy awe of, and his delight in, his love to, and careful observance of God's testimonies, and his utter detestation of falsehood, ver. 162,—168. (3) Avows his persuasion of the happiness of the godly, and his own hopes of God's salvation, ver. 165, 166.

161 Princes have persecuted me,
although no cause they saw:
But still of thy most holy word
my heart doth stand in awe.
162 I at thy word rejoice, as one
of spoil that finds great store.
163 Thy law I love: but lying all
I hate and do abhor.

164 Sev'n times a day it is my care
to give due praiſe to thee:
Becauſe of all thy judgments, Lord,
which righteous ever be.
165 Great peace have they who love thy law:
offence they ſhall have none.
166 I hop'd for thy ſalvation, Lord,
and thy commands have done.

167 My ſoul thy teſtimonies pure
obſerved carefully:
On them my heart is ſet, and them
I love exceedingly.
168 Thy teſtimonies and thy laws
I kept with ſpecial care:
For all my works and ways each one
before thee open are.

TH A U. *Part 22d.*

Here are (1) David's prayers for acceſs to God, and for inſtruction, deliverance, help, and recovery, from God, ver. 169, 170. 173. 175, 176. (2) Hearty profeſſions of his regard to God's word, and to the ſalvation therein contained, ver. 169,—176. (3) His humble confeſſion of his wandering from God, and deſire to be brought back, ver. 176.

169 O let my earneſt pray'r and cry
come near before thee, Lord:
Give underſtanding unto me
according to thy word.
170 Let my requeſt before thee come:
after thy word me free.
171 My lips ſhall utter praiſe, when thou
haſt taught thy laws to me.

172 My tongue of thy moſt bleſſed word
ſhall ſpeak, and it confeſs:
Becauſe all thy commandements
are perfect righteouſneſs.

173 Let thy ſtrong hand make help to me:
thy precepts are my choice.
174 I long'd for thy ſalvation, Lord:
and in thy law rejoice.
175 O let my ſoul live, and it ſhall
give praiſes unto thee:
And let thy judgments gracious,
be helpful unto me.
176 I like a loſt ſheep went aſtray,
thy ſervant ſeek, and find:
For thy commands I ſuffer'd not
to ſlip out of my mind.

PSALM CXX.

A Song of Degrees.

Why this Pſalm and the fourteen following are called Songs of Degrees, we do not certainly know. It is plain, ſome of them are ſuited to ſecret worſhip: ſome to the family; and others to the public aſſembly. This Pſalm, from its affinity to the 52d, is ſuppoſed to refer to Doeg the Edomite, 1 Sam. xxii. We have (1) The Pſalmiſt's prayer to God for deliverance, from the ruinous influence of malicious and falſe accuſations, ver. 1, 2. (2) His denunciation of the juſt, fearful, and laſting judgments of God againſt his malicious accuſers, ver. 3, 4. (3) His complaints of his quarrelſome and vexatious neighbours, ver. 5,——7.—— ¶ Never dare, my ſoul, to utter falſhood, or even truth in a malicious manner. Never dare to ruſh upon the fierce and laſting indignation of the Almighty. Never-chuſe to make this world, thy country, where ſin and troubles ſo abound. But ye blened abodes of peace and purity, when ſhall I come to you! When ſhall I leave my evil neighbours, and come to God, to God, mine EXCEEDING JOY.

1 IN my diſtreſs to God I cry'd,
and he gave ear to me.
2 From lying lips, and guileful tongue,
O Lord, my ſoul ſet free.
3 What ſhall be giv'n thee? or what ſhall
be done to thee, falſe tongue?
4 Ev'n burning coals of juniper,
ſharp arrows of the ſtrong.

5 Wo's me, that I in Meſhech am
a ſojourner ſo long,
That I in tabernacles dwell
to Kedar that belong.
6 My ſoul with him that hateth peace
hath long a dweller been.
7 I am for peace: but when I ſpeak,
for battle they are keen.

PSALM CXXI.

A Song of Degrees.

Here (1) In the firm faith of being heard, David ſupplicates divine help and protection, ver. 1, 2. (2) He comforts himſelf and others with the aſſurance of God's infallible direction and protection, ver. 3,——8.——¶ While I ſing, let all my confidence be on the Lord. Let my ſoul truly wait for him, from whom cometh all my neceſſary and expected bleſſings. On him be all my burdens, all my wants, all my cares.

1 To the hills will lift mine eyes,
from whence doth come mine aid.
2 My ſafety cometh from the Lord,
who heav'n and earth hath made.
3 Thy foot he'll not let ſlide: nor will
he ſlumber that thee keeps.
4 Behold, he that keeps Iſrael,
he ſlumbers not, nor ſleeps.
5 The Lord thee keeps: the Lord thy ſhade
on thy right hand doth ſtay.
6 The moon by night thee ſhall not ſmite:
nor yet the ſun by day.
7 The Lord ſhall keep thy ſoul: he ſhall
preſerve thee from all ill.
8 Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.

A Song of Degrees of David.

This Pſalm appears to have been compoſed for the uſe of the Hebrews at their three ſolemn feaſts, Lev. xxiii. We have in it, (1) Expreſſions of great joy in going up to Jeruſalem, ver. 1, 2. (2) High commendations of the beauty, order, ſanctity, and honour of Jeruſalem, ver. 3.——5. (3) The duty and happineſs of ſuch as are really concerned for the welfare of Jeruſalem, the Church of God, ver. 6.——9. ¶ While living, let me remember the Goſpel church, bewail her diſorders, ſupplicate her welfare; and ſet my heart on the Jeruſalem which is above, and into which nothing can enter that defileth or diſturbs. O when ſhall my feet ſtand there! When ſhall I ſee my Jeſus, on his great white throne, and fit with him in his glory.

I Joy'd, when, to the houſe of God,
Go up, they ſaid to me.
2 Jeruſalem, within thy gates
our feet ſhall ſtanding be.
3 Jerus'lem as a city is
compactly built together;
4 Unto that place the tribes go up,
the tribes of God go thither;
To Iſra'l's teſtimony, there
to God's name thanks to pay.
5 For thrones of judgment, ev'n the thrones
of David's houſe there ſtay.
6 Pray that Jeruſalem may have
peace and felicity:
Let them that love thee, and thy peace,
have ſtill proſperity.
7 Therefore I wiſh that peace may ſtill
within thy walls remain,
And ever may thy palaces
proſperity retain.
8 Now, for my friends and brethren's ſake,
Peace be in thee, I'll ſay.
9 And for the houſe of God our Lord,
I'll ſeek thy good alway.

A Song of Degrees.

This Pſalm relates to the diſtreſſed condition of the Church, and contains (1) Earneſt longings for, and believing expectations of merciful deliverances from God, ver. 1, 2. (2) An improvement of great diſtreſs, as a plea for ſpeedy and remarkable relief, ver. 3, 4.——¶ While I ſing this, let me, in the full aſſurance of faith, cry to God, for the mercies, which my own ſoul, my family, and the church and nation, wherewith I am connected, ſo much need. Nor let me accept of a denial of my believing requeſts.

O Thou that dwelleſt in the heav'ns,
I lift mine eyes to thee.
2 Behold, as ſervants' eyes do look
their maſter's hand to ſee,
As handmaid's eyes her miſtreſs' hand:
ſo do our eyes attend
Upon the Lord our God, until
to us he mercy ſend.

3 O Lord, be gracious to us,
unto us gracious be:
Becauſe repleniſh'd with contempt
exceedingly are we.
4 Our ſoul is fill'd with ſcorn of thoſe
that at their eaſe abide,
And with the inſolent contempt
of thoſe that ſwell in pride.

PSALM CXXIV.

A Song of Degrees of David.

This Pſalm is highly applicable to every remarkable deliverance, which God works for his Church, eſpecially to the great redemption wrought for his people by Chriſt. In it, (1) David magnifies the danger they were in, ver. 1,——5. (2) Aſcribes the glory of their deliverance to God, ver. 1, 2. 6, 7. (3) Improves the deliverance, as an encouragement to truſt in God, ver 8.——¶ Let me behold JEHOWAH as a preſent help in trouble. Let my waiting eyes be towards him, who, notwithſtanding all the combined power and policy of hell and earth, is able and ready to pull my feet out of the net.

HAD not the Lord been on our ſide,
may Iſrael now ſay;
2 Had not the Lord been on our ſide,
when men roſe us to ſlay:
3 They had us ſwallow'd quick, when as
their wrath 'gainſt us did flame:
4 Waters had cover'd us, our ſoul
had ſunk beneath the ſtream.
5 Then had the waters, ſwelling high,
over our ſoul made way.
6 Bleſt be the Lord, who, to their teeth,
us gave not for a prey.
7 Our ſouls eſcaped, as a bird
out of the fowler's ſnare;
The ſnare aſunder broken is,
and we eſcaped are.
8 Our ſure and all-ſufficient help
is in JEHOVAH's name;
His name, who did the heav'ns create,
and who the earth did frame.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

NOW Iſrael
may ſay, and that truly,
If that the Lord
had not our cauſe maintain'd:
2 If that the Lord
had not our right ſuſtain'd,
When cruel men
againſt us furiouſly
Roſe up in wrath,
to make of us their prey:
3 Then certainly
they had devour'd us all,
And ſwallow'd quick,
for ought that we could deem;

Such was their rage,
as we might well esteem.
4 And as fierce floods
before them all things drown,
So had they brought
our soul to death quite down.
5 The raging streams,
with their proud swelling waves,
Had then our soul
o'erwhelmed in the deep.
6 But blest be God,
who doth us safely keep,
And hath not giv'n
us for a living prey
Unto their teeth,
and bloody cruelty.
7 Ev'n as a bird
out of the fowler's snare
Escapes away,
so is our soul set free;
Broke are their nets,
and thus escaped we.
8 Therefore our help
is in the Lord's great name,
Who heav'n and earth
by his great pow'r did frame.

PSALM CXXV.

A Song of Degrees.

Let me in this Psalm behold (1) The happiness of the saints; in the fixedness of their new-covenant-state; the safety of their condition; the seasonableness of their deliverances; and the advantage of effectual fervent prayers in their behalf, ver. 1,—4. (2) The misery of the wicked, particularly of apostates from the ways of God, ver. 5.———¶ Let me then never be of them that draw back, but of them who believe, to the fixing of their heart, and the saving of their soul.

THEY in the Lord that firmly truſt,
ſhall be like Sion hill,
Which at no time can be remov'd,
but ſtandeth faſt for ever ſtill.

2 As round about Jeruſalem
the mountains ſtand alway,
The Lord his folk doth compaſs ſo,
from henceforth and for ay.

3 For ill men's rod upon the lot
of juſt men ſhall not ly;
Leſt righteous men ſtretch forth their hands
unto iniquity.

4 Do thou to all thoſe that be good
thy goodneſs, Lord, impart;
And do thou good to thoſe that are
upright within their heart.

5 But as for ſuch as turn aſide
after their crooked way,
God ſhall lead forth with wicked men:
on Iſra'l peace ſhall ſtay.

PSALM CXXVI.

A Song of Degrees.

This Pſalm relates to ſome remarkable deliverance of the Jewiſh Church, perhaps from Babylon, as typical of thoſe of the Goſpel-church; and (1) Repreſents great admiration of, and thankfulneſs for, the deliverance, ver. 1,—3. (2) Contains prayers for, and encouragements of, ſaints exerciſed with tribulations, ver. 4.—6.——¶ While I ſing, let me admire the Lord's kindneſs to Britain;—to his Goſpel-church;—to mankind;—to my ſoul. And, in my remaining diſtreſs, perſonal or relative, let me ſow in mourning and ſupplication, that I may reap joyful deliverances, and everlaſting conſolations, through grace.

WHEN Zion's bondage God turn'd back,
as men that dream'd were we.

2 Then fill'd with laughter was our mouth
our tongue with melody:

They 'mong the heathen said, The Lord
great things for them hath wrought.
3 The Lord hath done great things for us:
whence joy to us is brought.
4 As streams of water in the south,
our bondage, Lord, recal.
5 Who sow in tears, a reaping time
of joy enjoy they shall.
6 That man who bearing precious seed
in going forth doth mourn,
He doubtless, bringing back his sheaves,
rejoicing shall return.

PSALM CXXVII.

A Song of Degrees for Solomon.

This Psalm relates to David's orders for building the temple, 1 Chron. xxii. xxviii. or to Solomon's actual building of it, 2 Chron. iii.—vii. It teacheth us constant dependence on God, in all our concerns; particularly in (1) Prospering our undertakings, or rearing our families, ver. 1. (2.) In protecting our residence and country, ver. 1. (3) In enriching us without excessive care or labour, ver. 2. (4) In giving us agreeable heirs to possess our substance, ver. 3,—5.——¶ In my undertakings, let me set the Lord always before me; and depend on his blessing, as the source of my success. In all my enjoyments, let my care be to enjoy God himself.

EXCEPT the Lord do build the house,
the builders lose their pain:
Except the Lord the city keep,
the watchmen watch in vain.
2 'Tis vain for you to rise betimes,
or late from rest to keep,
To feed on sorrow's bread: so gives
he his beloved sleep.
3 Lo, children are God's heritage:
the womb's fruit his reward.
4 The sons of youth as arrows are,
for strong men's hands prepar'd.

5 O happy is the man that hath
his quiver fill'd with thofe:
They, unaſhamed, in the gate
ſhall ſpeak unto their foes.

PSALM CXXVIII.

A Song of Degrees.

This Pſalm exhibits (1) The comprehenſive duty of all, particularly married perſons, ver. 1. (2) The advantage of ſtudying it; viz. ſucceſs in employments; comfort and honour in relations; joy in the proſperity of God's church, and of their own off-ſpring, ver. 2,—6. ——¶ While I ſing, let me be aſhamed, be pained, on account of my deficiency in holineſs, and of the hurt, my family and the Church of God have thereby ſuſtained. Let me behold the great gain of true godlineſs, having the promiſes of this life, and of that which is to come.

BLESS'D is each one that fears the Lord,
and walketh in his ways.
2 For of thy labour thou ſhalt eat:
and happy be always.
3 Thy wife ſhall, as a fruitful vine,
by thy houſe-ſides be found:
Thy children like to olive-plants,
about thy table round.
4 Behold, the man that fears the Lord,
thus bleſſed ſhall he be.
5 The Lord ſhall out of Zion give
his bleſſing unto thee:
Thou ſhalt Jerus'lem's good behold
whilſt thou on earth doſt dwell.
6 Thou ſhalt thy children's children ſee,
and peace on Iſrael.

A Song of Degrees.

Whether this Pſalm was penned, when David brought up the ark of God to Mount Zion, 2 Sam. vi.; or relates to the Chaldean captivity, is uncertain. In it, the people of God, (1) Look back on their often-repeated tribulations, with thankfulneſs to God for their deliverances from Egypt, and from their oppreſſors, under the Judges, Saul, &c. ver. 1.—4. (2) They look forward, with a believing prayer for, and proſpect of the deſtruction of all their implacable enemies; ver. 5.—8.——— While I ſing, let me not only be affected with what the Lord did for the Jewiſh, but chiefly with what he hath done for the Goſpel church: And let me, in faith, cry for, and expect, the downfal of Antichriſt, and of all the other enemies of Chriſt and his church.

OFT did they vex me from my youth,
may Iſra'l now declare:
2 Oft did they vex me from my youth:
yet not victorious were.
3 The plowers plow'd upon my back;
they long their furrows drew.
4 The righteous Lord did cut the cords
of the ungodly crew.
5 Let Zion's haters all be turn'd
back with confuſion.
6 As graſs on houſes tops be they,
which fades ere it be grown:
7 Whereof enough to fill his hand
the mower cannot find;
Nor can the man his boſom fill,
whoſe work is ſheaves to bind.
8 Neither ſay they who do go by,
God's bleſſing on you reſt:
We, in the name of God the Lord,
do wiſh you to be bleſt.

A Song of Degrees.

This Pſalm contains (1) David's earneſt cries to God, out of the depths of corruption, deſertion, temptation, or trouble, ver. 1, 2. (2) His kindly repentance, in the faith of God's merciful forgiveneſs, ver. 3, 4. (3) His attentive waiting on God, for his favours, ver. 5, 6. (4) His encouraging expectations from God, ver. 7, 8.——¶ While I ſing, let my ſoul go, and do likewiſe. While the unbounded mercy and plenteous redemption of JEHOVAH remain unexhauſted, let my ſoul cry mightily in every trouble; believe forgiveneſs under the deepeſt ſenſe of guilt; and quietly hope and wait for the ſalvation of God. Let never hopeleſs deſpair ſteel my heart, againſt a God of grace.

LORD, from the depths to thee I cry'd.
2 My voice, Lord, do thou hear:
Unto my ſupplication's voice
give an attentive ear.
3 Lord, who ſhall ſtand, if thou, O Lord,
ſhould'ſt mark iniquity?
4 But yet with thee forgiveneſs is;
that fear'd thou mayeſt be.

5 I wait for God, my ſoul doth wait,
my hope is in his word.
6 More than they that for morning watch,
my ſoul waits for the Lord:
I ſay, more than they that do watch
the morning-light to ſee.
7 Let Iſrael hope in the Lord:
for with him mercies be;
And plenteous redemption
is ever found with him.
8 And from all his iniquities
he Iſra'l ſhall redeem.

PSALM CXXXI.

A Song of Degrees of David.

This Pſalm contains (1) David's candid profeſſion of his contentment with his lot, ver. 1, 2. (2) His warm encouragement of others to a conſtant dependence on God, ver. 3.

¶ While I sing it, let me be ashamed of my pride, and of meddling with things above my sphere. Let me desire humility, as my great ornament, in every station; and study, like a child of God, weaned from worldly lusts, to set all my hope on God himself.

MY heart not haughty is, O Lord,
nine eyes not lofty be:
Nor do I deal in matters great,
or things too high for me.

2 I surely have myself behav'd
with quiet sp'rit and mild,
As child of mother wean'd: my soul
is like a weaned child.

3 Upon the Lord let all the hope
of Israel rely,
Ev'n from the time that present is
unto eternity.

PSALM CXXXII.

A Song of Degrees.

Whether this Psalm was penned by David, when he brought up the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim, 2 Sam. vi. or for Solomon's dedication of the temple, 1 Kings viii. is uncertain. It contains (1) A representation of David's pious and earnest care to provide a proper lodging for God's ark, ver. 1,—7. (2) Earnest prayers for God's presence and blessings to attend his ark, ver. 8,—10. (3) David's care to provide an habitation for God; and God's promises to David relating to the prosperity and establishment of his family, especially in the Messiah, are pled as arguments to enforce these requests, ver. 1,—5. 10,—18.——¶ While I sing, let my soul, with ardour, go out after God, the living God. Let nothing less than his presence in his ordinances satisfy my desire. Let the welfare of his ministers and people be matter of my deep concern. Let me admire the kindness of God, that I have so many exceeding great and precious promises to plead upon: While I sing them, let me grasp, let me believe them, with my whole heart.

DAVID, and his afflictions all,
Lord, do thou think upon:
2 How unto God he sware, and vow'd
to Jacob's mighty One.

3 I will not come within my houſe,
nor reſt in bed at all:
4 Nor ſhall mine eyes take any ſleep,
nor eye-lids ſlumber ſhall.

5 Till for the Lord a place I find,
where he may make abode;
A place of habitation
for Jacob's mighty God.
6 Lo, at the place of Ephratah
of it we underſtood:
And we did find it in the fields,
and city of the wood.

7 We'll go into his tabernacles,
and at his footſtool bow.
8 Ariſe, O Lord, into thy reſt:
th' ark of thy ſtrength, and thou.
9 O let thy prieſts be clothed, Lord,
with truth and righteouſneſs:
And let all thoſe that are thy ſaints
ſhout loud for joyfulneſs.

10 For thine own ſervant David's ſake,
do not deny thy grace,
Nor of thine own anointed One,
turn away the face.
11 The Lord in truth to David ſware,
he will not turn from it,
I of thy body's fruit will make
upon thy throne to ſit.

12 My cov'nant if thy ſons will keep,
and laws to them made known;
Their children then ſhall alſo ſit
for ever on thy throne.
13 For God of Zion hath made choice:
there he deſires to dwell.
14 This is my reſt: here ſtill I'll ſtay,
for I do like it well.

15 Her food I'll greatly bleſs: her poor
with bread will ſatisfy.
16 Her prieſts I'll clothe with health: her ſaints
ſhall ſhout forth joyfully.
17 And there will I make David's horn
to bud forth pleaſantly:
For him that mine anointed is
a lamp ordain'd have I.
18 As with a garment I will clothe
with ſhame his en'mies all:
But yet the crown that he doth wear,
upon him flouriſh ſhall.

PSALM CXXXIII.

A Song of Degrees of David.

This Pſalm was perhaps penned when the Hebrew tribes concurred to fix David on his throne, or to reſtore him to it, 2 Sam. v. or xix. Here is (1.) a declaration of the excellency and pleaſantneſs of brotherly affection, ver. 1. (2) The illuſtration of this in two ſimilitudes, ver. 2, 3. (3) The great advantage of it, ver. 3.——¶ While I ſing, let Jeſus' love ſhed abroad in my heart make me exemplify my notes. How happy the churches and families, where this prevails! And how bleſſed above all, the Church above, where LOVE, LOVE, for ever reigns.

BEHOLD, how good a thing it is,
and how becoming well,
T'ogether ſuch as brethren are,
in unity to dwell.
2 Like precious ointment on the head,
that down the beard did flow,
Ev'n Aaron's beard, and to the ſkirts *
did of his garments go.

* To imagine, that the ſacred oil run down upon, and ſtained the High Prieſt's robe to the ſkirt, or lower parts thereof, to me ſeems very inconſiſtent with the remarkable cleanlineſs preſcribed by the ceremonial inſtitutes; very inconſiſtent with the preſcribed finery and beauty of this ſacred apparel. The Hebrew word פי ought therefore to have been tranſlated

3 As Hermon's dew, the dew that doth
on Zion hills descend;
For there the blessing God commands,
life that shall never end.

PSALM CXXXIV.

A Song of Degrees.

This Psalm was perhaps penned, when David appointed the orders of the Priests and Levites, 1 Chron. xxiii. —xxvi. In it, we have (1) The sacred watchers of the temple stirred up, to employ their time in praising God; ver. 1, 2. (2) A fervent prayer for the blessing of God on them, or on others, ver. 3. ——¶ While I am in Christ's church, let me provoke myself and others, to love, and to good works.

BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye
that his attendants are,
Ev'n you that in God's temple be,
and praise him nightly there.
2 Your hands within God's holy place
lift up; and praise his name.
3 From Zion hill the Lord thee bless,
that heav'n and earth did frame.

PSALM CXXXV.

This Psalm contains (1) Earnest exhortations to all concerned to praise the Lord, ver. 1,—3. 19,—21. (2) Rich matter for praise;—God considered as the God of Israel, ver. 4. As the God of gods, ver. 5. As the God of the whole world, ver. 6, 7. As a God terrible to the enemies of Israel, ver. 8,—11. but kind to Israel, ver. 12,—14. And as the only true and living God, before whom all others are but vanity

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not SKIRT but COLLAR or NECK-BAND; compare Job xxx. 18. Exod. xxviii. 32.——Perhaps too, the Hills of Zion in ver 3. denote not these about Jerusalem, Psalm cxxv. 2. which stood an hundred miles distant from Hermon, but that which is called SION, Deut. iv. 48. on which, without controversy, the famed, the plentiful, the invigorating, the fructifying dews of Hermon descended.

and falſhood, ver. 15,—18.—¶ Come near, my ſoul, and ſing what JEHOVAH is, and hath done for his church, and what he is to, and hath done for me.

PRAISE ye the Lord, the Lord's name praiſe,
his ſervants, praiſe ye God.
2 Who ſtand in God's houſe, in the courts
of our God make abode.
3 Praiſe ye the Lord, for he is good,
unto him praiſes ſing:
Sing praiſes to his name, becauſe
it is a pleaſant thing.
4 For Jacob to himſelf the Lord,
did chooſe of his good pleaſure,
And he hath choſen Iſrael
for his peculiar treaſure.
5 Becauſe I know aſſuredly
the Lord is very great,
And that our Lord above all gods
in glory hath his ſeat.
6 What thing ſoever pleas'd the Lord,
that in the heav'n did he,
And in the earth, the ſeas, and all
the places deep that be.
7 He from the ends of earth doth make
the vapours to aſcend,
With rain he light'nings makes: and wind
doth from his treaſures ſend.
8 Egypt's firſt-born from man to beaſt
9 who ſmote. Strange tokens he
On Pharaoh and his ſervants ſent,
Egypt, in midſt of thee.
10 He ſmote great nations, ſlew great kings:
11 Sihon of Heſhbon king,
And Og of Baſhan, and to nought
die Canaan's kingdoms bring:

12 And for a wealthy heritage
their pleasant land he gave,
An heritage which Israel
his chosen folk should have.
13 Thy name, O Lord, shall still endure,
and thy memorial
With honour shall continu'd be
to generations all.
14 For why, the righteous God will judge
his people righteously,
Concerning those that do him serve
himself repent will he.
15 The idols of the nations
of silver are and gold,
And by the hands of men is made
their fashion and mould.
16 Mouths have they, but they do not speak;
eyes, but they do not see.
17 Ears have they, but hear not; and in
their mouths no breathing be.
18 Their makers are like them: so are
all that on them rely.
19 O Isra'l's house, bless God: bless God,
O Aaron's family.
20 O bless the Lord, of Levi's house
ye who his servants are;
And bless the holy name of God,
all ye the Lord that fear.
21 And blessed be the Lord our God
from Zion's holy hill,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.
The Lord, O praise ye still.

This Psalm is a continued exhortation to praise the Lord, for the perpetual displays of his mercy. The hearty singing of it has been honoured with the most signal appearances of God's kindness, 2 Chron. v. 13. and xx. 21, 22.—We are in it directed to praise God, (1) As great and good in himself, ver. 1—3. (2) As the Creator of all things, ver. 5.—9. (3) As the God and Saviour of Israel, who brought them out of Egypt, through the Red-sea and Wilderness, and cast out the nations, and gave them the possession of Canaan, ver. 10.—22. (4) As our gracious and condescending Redeemer, ver. 23, 24. (5) As the great and sovereign Benefactor of all creatures, ver. 25, 26.—¶ While I sing it, let my heart be melted, and all inflamed with the loving-kindness and mercy of God in Christ. Let me behold, believe, and admire the unbounded extent and everlasting duration thereof.

GIVE thanks to God, for good is he:
for mercy hath he ever,
2 Thanks to the God of gods ye:
for his grace faileth never.
3 Thanks give the Lord of lords unto:
for mercy hath he ever.
4 Who only wonders great can do:
for his grace faileth never.
5 Who by his wisdom made heav'ns high:
for mercy hath he ever.
6 Who stretch'd the earth above the sea:
for his grace faileth never.
7 To him that made the great lights shine:
for mercy hath he ever.
8 The sun to rule till day decline:
for his grace faileth never.
9 The moon and stars to rule by night:
for mercy hath he ever.
10 Who Egypt's first-born kill'd outright:
for his grace faileth never.
11 And Isra'l brought from Egypt land:
for mercy hath he ever.
12 With stretch'd-out arm, and with strong hand:
for his grace faileth never.

13 By whom the Red ſea parted was:
for mercy hath he ever.
14 And through its midſt made Iſra'l paſs:
for his grace faileth never.
15 But Pharaoh and his hoſt did drown:
for mercy hath he ever.
16 Who through the deſart led his own:
for his grace faileth never.
17 To him great kings who overthrew:
for he hath mercy ever.
18 Yea famous kings in battle ſlew:
for his grace faileth never.
19 Ev'n Sihon king of Amorites:
for he hath mercy ever.
20 And Og the king of Baſhanites:
for his grace faileth never.
21 Their land in heritage to have:
(for mercy hath he ever.)
22 His ſervant Iſra'l right he gave:
for his grace faileth never.
23 In our low ſtate who on us thought:
for he hath mercy ever.
24 And from our foes our freedom wrought:
for his grace faileth never.
25 Who doth all fleſh with food relieve:
for he hath mercy ever.
26 Thanks to the God of heaven give:
for his grace faileth never.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

PRAISE God, for he is kind,
His mercy laſts for ay.
2 Give thanks with heart and mind
To God of gods alway:
For certainly
His mercies dure
Moſt firm and ſure
Eternally.

3 The Lord of lords praiſe ye,
Whoſe mercies ſtill endure.
4 Great wonders only he
Doth work by his great pow'r:
For certainly, &c.

5 Which God omnipotent,
By might and wiſdom high,
The heav'n and firmament
Did frame, as we may ſee:
For certainly, &c.

6 To him who did out-ſtretch
This earth ſo great and wide,
Above the waters reach,
Making it to abide:
For certainly, &c.

7 Great lights he made to be:
For his grace laſteth ay.
8 Such as the ſun we ſee,
To rule the lightſome day:
For certainly, &c.

9 Alſo the moon ſo clear,
Which ſhineth in our ſight,
The ſtars that do appear,
To guide the darkſome night:
For certainly, &c.

10 To him that Egypt ſmote,
Who did his meſſage ſcorn;
And in his anger hot
Did kill all their firſt-born:
For certainly, &c.

11 Thence Iſra'l out he brought:
For his grace laſteth ever.
12 With a ſtrong hand he wrought,
And ſtretch'd-out arm deliver:
For certainly, &c.

13 The sea he cut in two;
For his grace lasteth still.
14 And through its midst to go
Made his own Israel:
For certainly, &c.

15 But overwhelm'd and lost
Was proud king Pharaoh,
With all his mighty host,
And chariots there also:
For certainly, &c.

16 To him who pow'rfully
His chosen people led,
Ev'n through the desart dry,
And in that place them fed;
For certainly, &c.

17 To him great kings who smote:
For his grace hath no bound.
18 Who slew and spared not
Kings famous and renown'd;
For certainly, &c.

19 Sihon the Am'rites' king:
For his grace lasteth ever.
20 Og also who did reign
The land of Bashan over:
For certainly, &c.

21 Their land by lot he gave:
For his grace faileth never.
22 That Isra'l might it have
In heritage for ever:
For certainly, &c.

23 Who hath remembered
Us in our low estate;
24 And us delivered
From foes which did us hate:
For certainly, &c.

25 Who to all flesh gives food:
For his grace faileth never.
26 Give thanks to God most good,
The God of heav'n for ever:
For certainly, &c.

PSALM CXXXVII.

This Psalm was probably composed in Chaldea, during the captivity, and contains (1) Grievous bewailing of their distress, contempt, and reproach, ver. 1,—4. (2) Their tender and affectionate remembrance of, and concern for Jerusalem,—the church and ordinances of God, ver. 5, 6. (3) Denunciations of destruction to the Edomites, who had promoted, and the Chaldeans, who had effected their distress and captivity, ver. 7,—9.——¶ While I sing, let me bless the Lord, for what mercy is in my lot, above that of many others. Let the welfare of God's church ly near my heart. Let me earnestly desire, and firmly expect, the ruin of all her and my spiritual foes.

BY Babel's streams we sat and wept,
when Zion we thought on,
2 In midst thereof we hang'd our harps
the willow-trees upon.
3 For there a song required they
who did us captive bring;
Our spoilers call'd for mirth, and said,
a song of Zion sing.
4 O how the Lord's song shall we sing
within a foreign land?
5 If thee, Jerus'lem, I forget,
skill part from my right hand.
6 My tongue to my mouth's roof let cleave,
if I do thee forget,
Jerusalem, and thee above,
my chief joy do not set.
7 Remember Edom's children, Lord,
who in Jerus'lem's day,
Ev'n unto its foundation
Raze, raze it quite, did say.

8 O daughter thou of Babylon,
near to deſtruction,
Bleſs'd ſhall he be that thee rewards,
as thou to us haſt done.

9 Yea, happy ſurely ſhall he be,
thy tender little ones,
Who ſhall thy hold upon, and them
ſhall daſh againſt the ſtones.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm was perhaps compoſed by David, when he was newly advanced to his throne, 2 Sam. v. 1 Chron. xii. In it (1) He looks back with thankfulneſs upon the experience he had had of God's goodneſs to him, ver. 1,—3. (2) He looks forward with comfort, in hopes (1) That others would go on to praiſe God like him, ver. 4, 5. (2) That God would continue to do good to him, ver. 6, 7, 8.——¶ While I ſing theſe lofty lines, let the ſenſe of the unnumbered mercies I have received from God, and the hope of his everlaſting loving-kindneſs, tune and animate my heart.

1 THEE will I praiſe with all my heart,
I will ſing praiſe to thee
2 Before the gods: and worſhip will
toward thy ſanctuary;
I'll praiſe thy name, ev'n for thy truth,
and kindneſs of thy love;
For thou thy word haſt magnify'd
all thy great name above.

3 Thou didſt me anſwer in the day
when I to thee did cry:
And thou my fainting ſoul with ſtrength
didſt ſtrengthen inwardly.
4 All kings upon the earth that are,
ſhall give thee praiſe, O Lord,
When as they from thy mouth ſhall hear
thy true and faithful word.

5 Yea, in the righteous ways of God,
with gladneſs they ſhall ſing:
For great's the glory of the Lord,
who doth for ever reign.
6 Though God be high, yet he reſpects
all thoſe that lowly be;
Whereas the proud and lofty ones
afar off knoweth he.
7 Though I in midſt of trouble walk,
I life from thee ſhall have;
'Gainſt my foes wrath thou'lt ſtretch thine hand
thy right hand ſhall me ſave.
8 Surely, that which concerneth me,
the Lord will perfect make:
Lord, ſtill thy mercy laſts: do not
thine own hands works forſake.

PSALM CXXXIX.

To the chief Muſician, A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm was probably penned by David, while he was loaded with ſome vile reproaches, and contains (1) His celebration of (1) The omniſcient knowledge, ver. 1,—6.—— (2) The omnipreſence, ver. 7,——12. And (3) Creating kindneſs of God, ver. 13,—16. (2) His improvement of theſe in (1) Devout meditation on God, ver. 17, 18. (2) Indeteſtation of wicked men, ver. 19,—22. (3) In ſolemn profeſſion of his uprightneſs before God, ver. 23, 24.—— ¶ Let me ſing, let me pray, let me live, always, under the deepeſt impreſſions of God's eye upon me; his preſence with me; his formation of me; his new-covenant marriage to me; and his everlaſting redemption of my ſoul. Let my nights and my days be filled up with precious, with fixed, with pleaſant thoughts, concerning theſe, and holy improvements of them. Let me never make the Lord's enemies my intimates. Let a thorough purgation from ſin, and progreſs in holineſs, be the delight, the earneſt deſire, of my ſoul.

O Lord, thou haſt me ſearch'd, and known.
2 Thou know'ſt my ſitting down
And riſing up; yea, all my thoughts
afar to thee are known.

3 My footsteps, and my lying down,
thou compasseſt always;
Thou also moſt entirely art
acquaint with all my ways.

4 For in my tongue, before I ſpeak,
not any word can be,
But altogether, lo, O Lord,
it is well known to thee.

5 Behind, before, thou haſt beſet,
and laid on me thine hand.

6 Such knowledge is too ſtrange for me
too high to underſtand.

7 From thy Sp'rit whither ſhall I go?
or from thy preſence fly?

8 Aſcend I heav'n, lo, thou art there;
there, if in hell I ly.

9 Take I the morning's wings, and dwell
in utmoſt parts of ſea:

10 Ev'n there, Lord, ſhall thy hand me lead,
thy right hand hold ſhall me.

11 If I do ſay, that darkneſs ſhall
me cover from thy ſight.
Then ſurely ſhall the very night
about me be as light.

12 Yea, darkneſs hideth not from thee,
but night doth ſhine as day:
To thee the darkneſs and the light
are both alike alway:

13 For thou poſſeſſed haſt my reins,
and thou haſt cover'd me,
When I within my mother's womb
incloſed was by thee.

14 Thee will I praiſe, for fearfully
and ſtrangely made I am:
Thy works are marv'lous, and right well
my ſoul doth know the ſame.

15 My ſubſtance was not hid from thee,
when as in ſecret I
Was made; and in earth's loweſt parts
was wrought moſt curiouſly.
16 Thine eyes my ſubſtance did behold,
yet being imperfect,
And in the volume of thy book
my members all were writ;

Which after in continuance,
were faſhion'd ev'ry one,
When as they yet all ſhapeleſs were,
and of them there was none.
17 How precious alſo are thy thoughts,
O gracious God, to me!
And in their ſum how paſſing great
and numberleſs they be!

18 If I ſhould count them, than the ſand
they more in number be:
What time ſoever I awake,
I ever am with thee.
19 Thou, Lord, wilt ſure the wicked ſlay:
hence from me, bloody men.
20 Thy foes againſt thee loudly ſpeak,
and take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate all thoſe, O Lord,
that hatred bear to thee?
With thoſe that up againſt thee riſe
can I but grieved be!
22 With perfect hatred them I hate:
my foes I them do hold.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart:
try me, my thoughts unfold.

24 And ſee if any wicked way
there be at all in me,
And in thine everlaſting way
to me a leader be.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

This Psalm was probably penned by David, when persecuted by Saul; and perhaps partly relates to Doeg the Edomite, as Psalm lii. and cxx. In it (1) David complains of the malice of his enemies, and supplicates God's preservation from them; ver. 1,——5. (2) He encourageth himself in God as his God, ver. 6, 7. (3) He prays for, and propheſies the deſtruction of all his enemies, ver. 8,—11. (4) He aſſures himself and other ſaints, that all their troubles ſhall end happily, ver. 12, 13.—— ¶ Let my troubles ſtir me up to fervent prayers, and to an earneſt believing on God as my God. Thus ſhall I ſuck honey out of flinty rocks; and the malice as well as the ruin of mine enemies, ſhall work for me an exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

LORD, from the ill and froward man
give me deliverance:
And do thou ſafe preſerve me from
the man of violence.

2 Who in their heart miſchievous things
are meditating ever;
And they for war aſſembled are
continually together.

3 Much like unto a ſerpent's tongue
their tongues they ſharp do make:
And underneath their lips there lies
the poiſon of a ſnake.

4 Lord, keep me from the wicked's hands,
from violent men me ſave,
Who utterly to overthrow
my goings, purpos'd have.

5 The proud for me a ſnare have hid,
and cords, yea, they a net
Have by the way-ſide for me ſpread:
they grins for me have ſet.

6 I ſaid unto the Lord, Thou art
my God: unto the cry
Of all my ſupplications,
Lord, do thine ear apply.

7 O God the Lord, who art the ſtrength
of my ſalvation;
A cov'ring in the day of war
my head thou haſt put on.
8 Unto the wicked man, O Lord,
his wiſhes do not grant,
Nor further thou his ill device,
leſt they themſelves ſhould vaunt.
9 As for the head and chief of thoſe
about that compaſs me,
Ev'n by the miſchief of their lips
let thou them cover'd be.
10 Let burning coals upon them fall,
them throw in fiery flame:
And in deep pits, that they no more
may riſe out of the ſame.
11 Let not an evil ſpeaker be
on earth eſtabliſhed:
Miſchief ſhall hunt the violent man
till he be ruined.
12 I know God will th' afflicted's cauſe
maintain, and poor men's right.
13 Surely the juſt ſhall praiſe thy name,
th' upright dwell in thy ſight.

PSALM CXLI.

A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm was likewiſe compoſed under diſtreſs and perſecution. In it David prays (1) For God's kind acceptance of his prayers, ver. 1, 2. (2) For his powerful aſſiſtance in keeping his tongue, his heart, and hand, in the way of duty, ver. 3, 4. (3) That others might be helpful to him, with their ſeaſonable reproofs; and he to them with his prayers, ver. 5, 6. (4) That when he and his friends were brought to the laſt extremity, God would graciouſly appear for their relief, ver. 7,—10.——¶ Whenever I am afflicted, let me pray. Let me highly prize and kindly receive Chriſtian reproof, and earneſtly improve it to my ſpiritual advantage. Nor let me ever deſpair, on account of the great diſtreſs of my ſoul, or of the Church. Is any thing too hard for the Lord?

O Lord, I unto thee do cry,
do thou make haſte to me;
And give an ear unto my voice,
when I cry unto thee.

2 As incenſe let my prayer be
directed in thine eyes;
And the uplifting of my hands
as th' ev'ning ſacrifice.

3 Set, Lord, a watch before my mouth,
keep of my lips the door.

4 My heart incline thou not unto
the ills I ſhould abhor.
To practiſe wicked works with men
that work iniquity:
And with their delicates my taſte
let me not ſatisfy.

5 Let him that righteous is me ſmite,
it ſhall a kindneſs be;
Let him reprove, I ſhall it count
a precious oil to me:
Such ſmiting ſhall not break my head;
for yet the time ſhall fall,
When I in their calamities
to God pray for them ſhall.

6 When as their judges down ſhall be
in ſtony places caſt,
Then ſhall they hear my words, for they
ſhall ſweet be to their taſte.

7 About the grave's devouring mouth
our bones are ſcatter'd round,
As wood, which men do cut and cleave,
lies ſcatter'd on the ground.

8 But unto thee, O God, the Lord,
mine eyes uplifted be:
My ſoul do not leave deſtitute,
my truſt is ſet on thee.

9 Lord, keep me ſafely from the ſnares
which they for me prepare,
And from the ſubtle grins of them
that wicked workers are.
10 Let workers of iniquity
into their own nets fall,
Whilſt I do by-thine help eſcape
the danger of them all.

PSALM CXLII.

Maſchil of David: *A Prayer when he was in the Cave.*

This Pſalm was framed by David, when obliged by Saul's perſecution to hide himſelf in a cave, 1 Sam. xxii. 1. or xxiv. 3. and contains (1) Bitter complaints of the ſubtlety, ſtrength, and malice of his enemies, and of the coldneſs and indifference of his friends, ver. 1,—4. 6. (2) The comfort he took in God's knowing his way, and in recognizing his claim to God as his Portion, ver. 3. 4, 5. (3) His pleaſant expectations that his God would deliver him, and that his fellow-ſaints would join with him in thankſgiving for his deliverance, ver. 6, 7.——¶ If all men forſake me, if all men harraſs me, let me caſt my burdens on the Lord, that he may ſuſtain me. Let me renew my believing claims to him as my Lord, my God, my Refuge, and my Portion. Let me reſt firmly on his characters, and promiſes, for his ſympathy, help and deliverance.

I With my voice cry'd to the Lord:
with it made my requeſt.
2 Pour'd out to him my 'plaint; to him
my trouble I expreſt.
3 When in me was o'erwhelm'd my ſp'rit,
then well thou knew'ſt my way:
Where I did walk, a ſnare for me
they privily did lay.
4 I look'd on my right hand, and view'd,
but none to know me were;
All refuge failed me, no man
did for my ſoul take care.
5 I cry'd to thee, I ſaid, Thou art
my refuge, Lord, alone;

And in the land of thoſe that live
thou art my portion.

6 Becauſe I am brought very low,
attend unto my cry:
Me from my perſecutors ſave,
who ſtronger are than I.

7 From priſon bring my ſoul, that I
thy name may glorify:
The juſt ſhall compaſs me, when thou
with me deal'ſt bounteouſly.

PSALM CXLIII.

A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm was probably penned by David, during the unnatural rebellion of his ſon Abſalom, as Pſal. iii. xlii. xliii. It contains (1) Sad complaints of trouble, and of the ſinking of his ſpirit under it, ver. 3, 4, 5, 7. (2) Fervent ſupplications, that God would hear his prayer, ver. 1, 7. Forgive his ſins, ver. 2. Manifeſt his favours, ver. 6, 7, 8. Direct him in the way of duty, ver. 8,—10. Quicken him in it, ver. 11. Deliver him out of trouble, ver. 9, 11. And, in fine, puniſh his perſecutors, ver. 12.——¶ What time my heart is overwhelmed, let God lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. Let me ſtudy to have my ſin rem. ed, firſt, in order that my troubles may remove in due order, and with a rich bleſſing.

LORD, hear my pray'r, attend my ſuits:
and in thy faithfulneſs
Give thou an anſwer unto me,
and in thy righteouſneſs.

2 Thy ſervant alſo bring thou not
in judgement to be try'd:
Becauſe no living man can be
in thy ſight juſtify'd.

3 For th' en'my hath purſu'd my ſoul,
my life to ground down tread.
In darkneſs he hath made me dwell,
as who have long been dead.

4 My ſp'rit is therefore overwhelm'd
in me perplexedly:
Within me is my very heart
amazed wond'rouſly.

5 I call to mind the days of old,
to meditate I uſe
On all thy works: upon the deeds
I of thy hands do muſe.

6 My hands to thee I ſtretch: my ſoul
thirſts, as dry land, for thee.

7 Haſte, Lord, to hear, my ſpirit fails:
hide not thy face from me,
Leſt like to them I do become
that go down to the duſt.

8 At morn let me thy kindneſs hear,
for in thee do I truſt:
Teach me the way that I ſhould walk,
I lift my ſoul to thee.

9 Lord, free me from my foes: I flee
to thee to cover me.

10 Becauſe thou art my God, to do
thy will do me inſtruct:
Thy ſp'rit is good, me to the land
of uprightneſs conduct.

11 Revive and quicken me, O Lord,
ev'n for thine own name's ſake:
And do thou for thy righteouſneſs,
my ſoul from trouble take.

12 And of thy mercy ſlay my foes,
let all deſtroyed be,
That do afflict my ſoul: for I
a ſervant am to thee.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

OH, hear my pray'r, Lord,
And unto my deſire
To bow thine ear accord,
I humbly thee require;
And in thy faithfulneſs
Unto me anſwer make,
And in thy righteouſneſs
Upon me pity take.

2 In judgment enter not
With me thy ſervant poor;
For why, this well I wot,
No ſinner can endure.
The ſight of thee, O God,
If thou his deeds ſhalt try,
He dare make none abode
Himſelf to juſtify.

3 Behold, the cruel foe
Me perſecutes with ſpite,
My ſoul to overthrow:
Yea, he my life down quite
Unto the ground hath ſmote,
And made me dwell full low,
In darkneſs, as forgot,
Or men dead long ago.

4 Therefore my ſp'rit, much vex'd,
O'erwhelm'd is me within:
My heart right ſore perplex'd,
And deſolate hath been.

5 Yet do I call to mind
What ancient days record;
Thy works of ev'ry kind
I think upon, O Lord.

6 Lo, I do ſtretch my hands
To thee, my help alone;
For thou well underſtands
All my complaint and moan:
My thirſting ſoul deſires,
And longeth after thee,
As thirſty ground requires
With rain refreſh'd to be.

7 Lord, let my pray'r prevail,
To anſwer it, make ſpeed;
For lo, my ſp'rit doth fail:
Hide not thy face in need:
Leſt I be like to thoſe
That do in darkneſs ſit,
Or him that downward goes
Into the dreadful pit.

8 Becauſe I truſt in thee,
O Lord, cauſe me to hear
Thy loving-kindneſs free,
When morning doth appear:
Cauſe me to know the way
Wherein my path ſhould be,
For why my ſoul on high
I do lift up to thee.

9 From my fierce enemy
In ſafety do me guide,
Becauſe I flee to thee,
Lord, that thou may'ſt me hide.
10 My God alone art thou,
Teach me thy righteouſneſs:
Thy Sp'rit's good, lead me to
The land of uprightneſs.

11 O Lord, for thy name's ſake,
Be pleas'd to quicken me:
And for thy truth forth take
My ſoul from miſery.

12 And of thy grace deſtroy
My foes, and put to ſhame
All whom my ſoul annoy;
For I thy ſervant am.

PSALM CXLIV.

A Pſalm of David.

This Pſalm was probably compoſed by David upon the occaſion of his advancement to the throne, 1 Chron. xii. 2 Sam. v. as Pſal. cxxxviii. lxxv, &c. In it, we have (1) Thankful acknowledgment of God's relation to him, and condeſcending kindneſs towards him, ver. 1,—4. (2) Supplication for divine deliverance from his enemies, who ſtill threatned him, ver. 5,—8. And for proſperity to his kingdom, ver. 11,—14. (3) Triumphant joy in God, as his and their Deliverer, and Portion, ver. 9, 10. 15.——¶ While I ſing, let me admire the relation, the kindneſs of God to me, who am ſo mean,—ſo frail,—ſo ſinful! Let me rejoice in him, as my ALL in ALL; and commit my way to him, that he may bring it to paſs. And let every external benefit lead up my heart to God himſelf.

O Bleſſed ever be the Lord,
who is my ſtrength and might,
Who doth inſtruct my hands to war,
my fingers teach to fight.

2 My goodneſs, fortreſs, my high tow'r,
deliverer and ſhield,
In whom I truſt: who under me
my people makes to yield.

3 Lord, what is man, that thou of him
doſt ſo much knowledge take?
Or ſon of man, that thou of him
ſo great account doſt make?

4 Man is like vanity: his days
as ſhadows paſs away.

5 Lord, bow thy heav'ns, come down: touch
the hills, and ſmoke ſhall they. (thou

6 Caſt forth thy light'nings, ſcatter them:
thine arrows ſhoot, them rout.
7 Thine hand ſend from above, me ſave,
from great depths draw me out;
And from the hand of children ſtrange,
8 Whoſe mouth ſpeaks vanity;
And their right hand is a right hand
that works deceitfully.

9 A new ſong I to thee will ſing,
Lord, on a pſaltery:
I on a ten ſtring'd inſtrument
will praiſes ſing to thee.
10 Ev'n he it is, that unto kings
ſalvation doth ſend:
Who his own ſervant David doth
from hurtful ſword defend.

11 O free me from ſtrange children's hands;
whoſe mouth ſpeaks vanity,
And their right hand a right hand is,
that works deceitfully.
12 That as the plants our ſons may be
in youth grown up that are;
Our daughters like to corner-ſtones,
carv'd like a palace fair:

13 That, to afford all kind of ſtore,
our garners may be fill'd;
That our ſheep thouſands, in our ſtreets
ten thouſands they may yield:
14 That ſtrong our oxen be for work;
that no inbreaking be,
Nor going out; and that our ſtreets
may from complaints be free.

15 Thoſe people bleſſed are, who be
in ſuch a caſe as this:
Yea, bleſſed all thoſe people are,
whoſe God JEHOVAH is.

David's *Psalm of Praise.*

This Psalm, like the xxv. xxxiv. cxi. cxii. and cxix. is composed in an alphabetical form. It, and the five which so low, consist of pure praises to God, without so much as one complaint or petition. Here (1) David engageth himself, and encourageth others to praise God, ver. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10. 21. (2) He represents the grounds of praise, viz. The greatness and glory, sovereign power, and eternity of God. (1). The greatness and glory of his works, ver. 3.—7. 11, 12, 13. His unbounded goodness, mercy and compassion, ver. 7, 8, 9. Manifested in pitying the afflicted, providing what is necessary for all creatures, and in his readiness to hear and answer his people's prayers, and preserve them from evil, and destroy their enemies, ver. 14.—20 ——¶ In such high praises of God, may all my prayers issue at last. And the nearer I approach to mine end, let my heart and lips be the more filled with his praise and honour all the day. While I live on earth, let me publish the heart-engaging wonders of the nature and work of my God.

I'LL thee extol, my God, O King;
I'll bless thy name always.
2 Thee will I bless, each day, and will
thy name for ever praise.
3 Great is the Lord; much to be prais'd:
his greatness search exceeds.
4 Race unto race shall praise thy works,
and show thy mighty deeds.

5 I of thy glorious majesty
the honour will record,
I'll speak of all thy mighty works
which wond'rous are, O Lord.
6 Men of thine acts the might shall show,
thine acts that dreadful are;
And I, thy glory to advance,
thy greatness will declare.

7 The mem'ry of thy goodness great
they largely shall express;
With songs of praise they shall extol
thy perfect right'ousness.

8 The Lord is very gracious,
in him compaſſions flow;
In mercy he is very great,
and is to anger ſlow.

9 The Lord JEHOVAH unto all
his goodneſs doth declare:
And over all his other works
his tender mercies are.

10 Thee all thy works ſhall praiſe, O Lord,
and thee thy ſaints ſhall bleſs.

11 They ſhall thy kingdom's glory ſhow,
thy pow'r by ſpeech expreſs.

12 To make the ſons of men to know
his acts done mightily,
And of his kingdom th' excellent
and glorious majeſty.

13 Thy kingdom ſhall for ever ſtand,
thy reign through ages all.

14 God raiſeth all that are bow'd down,
upholdeth all that fall.

15 The eyes of all things wait on thee,
the giver of all good,
And thou, in time convenient,
beſtow'ſt on them their food.

16 Thine hand thou op'neſt lib'rally,
and of thy bounty gives
Enough to ſatisfy the need
of ev'ry thing that lives.

17 The Lord is juſt in all his ways,
holy in his works all.

18 God's near to all that call on him,
in truth that on him call.

19 He will accompliſh the deſire
of thoſe that do him fear;
He alſo will deliver them,
and he their cry will hear.

20 The Lord preſerves all who him love,
that nought can them annoy:
But he all thoſe that wicked are
will utterly deſtroy.
21 My mouth the praiſes of the Lord,
to publiſh ceaſe will never:
Let all fleſh bleſs his holy name
for ever and for ever.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

O LORD, that art my God and King,
Thee will I magnify and praiſe;
I will thee bleſs, and gladly ſing
Unto thy holy name always.
2 Each day I riſe, I will thee bleſs,
And praiſe thy name time without end.
3 Much to be prais'd, and great God is,
His greatneſs none can comprehend.
4 Race ſhall thy works praiſe unto race,
The mighty acts ſhow, done by thee.
5 I will ſpeak of the glorious grace,
And honour of thy majeſty;
Thy wond'rous works I will record.
6 By men the might ſhall be extoll'd
Of all thy dreadful acts, O Lord:
And I thy greatneſs will unfold.
7 They utter ſhall abundantly
The mem'ry of thy goodneſs great,
And ſhall ſing praiſes chearfully,
Whilſt they thy right'ouſneſs relate.
8 The Lord our God is gracious,
Compaſſionate is he alſo,
In mercy he is plenteous,
But unto wrath and anger ſlow.

9 Good unto all men is the Lord:
O'er all his works his mercy is.
10 Thy works all praiſe to thee afford,
Thy ſaints, O Lord, thy name ſhall bleſs.
11 The glory of thy kingdom ſhow
Shall they, and of thy power tell:
12 That ſo men's ſons his deeds may know,
His kingdom's grace that doth excel.

13 Thy kingdom hath none end at all;
It doth through ages all remain.
14 The Lord upholdeth all that fall;
The caſt-down raiſeth up again.
15 The eyes of all things, Lord, attend;
And on thee wait, that here do live:
And thou in ſeaſon due doſt ſend
Sufficient food them to relieve.

16 Yea, thou thine hand doſt open wide,
And ev'ry thing doſt ſatisfy
That lives, and doth on earth abide,
Of thy great liberality.
17 The Lord is juſt in his ways all,
And holy in his works each one.
18 He's near to all that on him call,
Who call in truth on him alone.

19 God will the juſt deſire fulfil
Of ſuch as do him fear and dread:
Their cry regard, and hear he will,
And ſave them in the time of need.
20 The Lord preſerves all, more and leſs,
That bear to him a loving heart:
But workers all of wickedneſs,
Deſtroy will he, and clean ſubvert.

21 Therefore my mouth and lips I'll frame
To ſpeak the praiſes of the Lord:
To magnify his holy name
For ever let all fleſh accord.

This Psalm contains (1) Pleasant engagements and encouragements to the hearty and constant praises of God, ver. 1, 2. 10. (2) Earnest dissuasives from trusting in man, who is so weak and short-lived, ver. 3, 4. (3) Powerful persuasives to trust in God, whose power and goodness appear so remarkable in creation, providence, and redemption, ver. 5,—10.—¶ While I sing, be stirred up, my soul, and all that is within me, to bless his holy name,—to depend on him alone, who is my Maker, my faithful Friend, my kind and righteous Protector, my bountiful Provider, my Almighty Deliverer, my gracious Enlightner, my seasonable Restorer, my perpetual Preserver, and the just Punisher of my foes;—my King;—my God; and mine ALL.

PRaise God. The Lord praise, O my soul.
2 I'll praise God while I live:
While I have being, to my God
in songs I'll praises give.
3 Trust not in princes, nor man's son,
in whom there is no stay.
4 His breath departs, to's earth he turns:
that day his thoughts decay.
5 O happy is that man, and blest'd,
whom Jacob's God doth aid,
Whose hope upon the Lord doth rest,
and on his God is staid:
6 Who made the earth, and heavens high,
who made the swelling deep,
And all that is within the same:
who truth doth ever keep:
7 Who righteous judgment executes
for those oppress'd that be;
Who to the hungry giveth food:
God sets the prisoners free.
8 The Lord doth give the blind their sight:
the bowed down doth raise:
The Lord doth dearly love all those
that walk in upright ways.

9 The ſtranger's ſhield, the widow's ſtay,
the orphan's help is he:
But yet by him the wicked's way
turn'd upſide down ſhall be.
10 The Lord ſhall reign for evermore,
thy God, O Zion, he
Reigns to all generations.
Praiſe ye to the Lord give ye.

PSALM CXLVII.

This Pſalm was probably penned by David, while he repaired and fortified Jeruſalem, 2 Sam. v. and contains (1) Solemn calls to praiſe God, ver. 1. 7. 12. 20. (2) Weighty reaſons for praiſing God, viz. (1) That as the God of nature he is infinitely intelligent and great, and the ſovereign Manager of all creatures, ver. 4. 5. 8, 9. 15.—18. (2) As the God of grace, he tenderly comforts, and affectionately delights in his people, ver. 3. 6. 10, 11. (3) As the God of Iſrael, Jeruſalem and Zion, he ſettles their civil and religious ſtate, ver. 2. 13. 14. 19. 20.——¶ When God manifeſts himſelf in ſo many things, be aſhamed, my ſoul, that I diſcern him in ſo few. O to ſee God's power and glory in every work of his hand, and eſpecially in every word of his mouth! and to be ſo affected with what he is, and hath done, and will do, as, in every thing, to give thanks.

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good
praiſe to our God to ſing;
For it is pleaſant, and to praiſe
it is a comely thing.
2 God doth build up Jeruſalem:
and he it is alone
That the diſpers'd of Iſrael
doth gather into one.
3 Thoſe that are broken in their hearts,
and grieved in their minds,
He healeth, and their painful wounds
he tenderly up-binds.

4 He counts the number of the ſtars:
he names them ev'ry one.
5 Great is our Lord, and of great pow'r:
his wiſdom ſearch can none.
6 The Lord lifts up the meek, and caſts
the wicked to the ground.
7 Sing to the Lord, and give him thanks:
on harp his praiſes ſound:
8 Who covereth the heav'n with clouds,
who for the earth below
Prepareth rain, who maketh graſs
upon the mountains grow.
9 He gives the beaſt his food, he feeds
the ravens young that cry.
10 His pleaſure not in horſe's ſtrength,
nor in man's legs doth lie.
11 But in all thoſe that do him fe ar
the Lord doth pleaſure take,
In thoſe that to his mercy do
by hope themſelves betake.
12 The Lord praiſe, O Jeruſalem:
Zion, thy God confeſs.
13 For thy gates bars he maketh ſtrong:
thy ſons in thee doth bleſs.
14 He in thy borders maketh peace,
with fine wheat filleth thee.
15 He ſends forth his command on earth:
his word runs ſpeedily.
16 Hoar froſt, like aſhes, ſcatt'reth he:
like wool he ſnow doth give.
17 Like morſels caſteth for his ice:
who in its cold can live?
18 He ſendeth forth his mighty word,
and melteth them again:
His wind he makes to blow, and then
the waters flow amain.

19 The doctrine of his holy word
to Jacob he doth ſhow,
His ſtatutes and his judgments he
gives Iſrael to know.
20 To any nation never he
ſuch favour did afford:
For they his judgments have not known.
O do ye praiſe the Lord.

PSALM CXLVIII.

Here, the Pſalmiſt, overwhelmed with enrapturing views of the glory, and ſenſe of the goodneſs, of the Lord, iſſues forth a ſolemn call, to all his fellow-creatures, to aſſiſt him, in his ſongs of praiſe. (1.) To the celeſtial creatures above, whether intellectual beings or not, ver. 1,—6. (2) To the terreſtrial creatures below, whether irrational, ver. 7,—10.; or rational, ver. 11,—13.; but chiefly to his choſen people, ver. 14.——¶ While angels and other rational beings actively trumpet forth his honours, and irrational creatures praiſe him objectively, in manifeſting his excellencies marked on them; Let my ſoul be raviſhed with his glory, amazed with his grace, and all inflamed with love, in uttering his praiſe, who, in Chriſt, is MY GOD, and my EXCEEDING JOY. Cry out, all my powers, My God, who is like unto thee! Is there any work like unto thy work!

PRaiſe God. From heavens praiſe the Lord;
in heights praiſe to him be.
2 All ye his angels, praiſe ye him;
his hoſts all, praiſe him ye.
3 O praiſe ye him, both ſun and moon:
praiſe him, all ſtars of light.
4 Ye heav'ns of heav'ns, him praiſe, and floods
above the heavens' height.
5 Let all the creatures praiſe the name
of our almighty Lord:
For he commanded, and they were
created by his word.
6 He alſo, for all times to come,
hath them eſtabliſh'd ſure:
He hath appointed them a law,
which ever ſhall endure.

7 Praiſe ye JEHOVAH from the earth,
dragons, and ev'ry deep.
8 Fire, hail, ſnow, vapour, ſtormy wind,
his word that fully keep.
9 All hills and mountains, fruitful trees,
and all ye cedars high.
10 Beaſts and all cattle, creeping things,
and all ye birds that fly.
11 Kings of the earth, all nations;
princes, earth's judges all.
12 Both young men, yea, and maidens too,
old men, and children ſmall.
13 Let them God's name praiſe: for his
alone is excellent;
His glory reacheth far above
the earth and firmament.
14 His people's horn, the praiſe of all
his ſaints, exalteth he;
Ev'n Iſra'l's ſeed, a people near
to him. The Lord praiſe ye.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

THE Lord of heav'n confeſs,
On high his glory raiſe.
2 Him let all angels bleſs,
Him all his armies praiſe.
3 Him glorify,
Sun, moon, and ſtars:
4 Ye higher ſpheres,
And cloudy ſky.
5 From God your beings are;
Him therefore famous make
You all created were,
When he the word but ſpake.
6 And from that place,
Where fix'd you be,

By his decree,
You cannot pass.

7 Praise God from earth below,
Ye dragons, and ye deeps:
8 Fire, hail, clouds, wind and snow,
Whom in command he keeps.
9 Praise ye his name,
Hills great and small,
Trees low and tall:
10 Beasts wild and tame,

All things that creep or fly,
11 Ye kings, ye vulgar throng,
All princes mean or high.
12 Both men and virgins young,
Ev'n young and old
13 Exalt his name:
For much his fame
Should be extoll'd.

O let God's name be prais'd
Above both earth and sky:
14 For he his saints hath rais'd,
And set their horn on high;
Ev'n those that be
Of Isra'l's race,
Near to his grace.
The Lord praise ye.

PSALM CXLIX.

This Psalm was perhaps penned by David, when he took the strong hold of Zion from the Jebusites,—— and represents, (1) Abundant joys to the people of God, in his relation to them, delight in, and kindness towards them, ver. 1.——5. (2) Abundance of terror to the proudest of their enemies, in their victory and power over them. ver. 6.——9.——
¶ While I sing, let mine eyes be fixed on Jesus Christ, going forth in his chariots of salvation, subduing his enemies to himself, by the gospel-rod of his strength, in the Apostolic and Millennial period, Rev. xx. 2.; and in the chariots of his ven-

geance, deſtroying his incorrigible oppoſers, by the iron rod of his wrath, and treading them under the feet of his ſaints.

PRAISE ye the Lord: unto him ſing
a new ſong: and his praiſe,
In the aſſembly of his ſaints
in ſweet pſalms do ye raiſe.
2 Let Iſra'l in his Maker joy,
and to him praiſes ſing:
Let all that Zion's children are,
be joyful in their King.
3 O let them unto his great name
give praiſes in the dance:
Let them with trimbrel, and with harp,
in ſongs his praiſe advance.
4 For God doth pleaſure take in thoſe
that his own people be:
And he with his ſalvation
the meek will beautify.
5 And in his glory excellent
let all his ſaints rejoice:
Let them to him, upon their beds,
aloud lift up their voice.
6 Let in their mouth aloft be rais'd
the high praiſe of the Lord;
And let them have in their right hand
a ſharp two-edged ſword:
7 To execute the vengeance due
upon the heathen all;
And make deſerved puniſhment
upon the people fall:
8 And ev'n with chains, as pris'ners, bind
their kings that them command;
Yea, and with iron fetters ſtrong,
the nobles of their land:

9 On them the judgment to perform
found written in his word.
This honour is to all his saints.
O do ye praise the Lord.

PSALM CL.

This Psalm contains thirteen calls to praise God. It directs (1) Who ought to praise him, ver. 6. And (2) Why they should praise him, viz. That he dwells with men; and for his mighty acts; and his excellent greatness, ver. 1, 2. And (3) How he ought to be praised,——in a public, earnest, and skilful manner, ver. 1. 3,——5.——¶ Dare not, my soul, to finish thy notes, and to conclude the book, without commencing an heartiness in the work. Awake then my inward powers, let me even here, begin my high Hallelujahs and Hosannas to Him, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

PRAISE ye the Lord. God's praise within
his sanctuary raise:
And to him in the firmament
of his pow'r give ye praise.
2 Because of all his mighty acts
with praise him magnify:
O praise him, as he doth excel
in glorious majesty.
3 Praise him with trumpet's sound: his praise
with psaltery advance.
4 With trimbrel, harp, string'd instruments,
and organs, in the dance.
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